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Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The question is settled as to who is the leader of the House of Representatives—it is HENRY L. DAWES. His speech to-day was a masterly effort, not because it was an attempt to vindicate his first speech, but because it was a fair, honest, clear statement of the case as it stands; doing the Departments the justice to say that, while his figures were just as they appeared in the estimate books, the latter were nevertheless so much more in detail than in former years that they did the Departments injustice. But for that he was not to blame, and, so far as his object and desire were concerned, which was to create increased vigilance in the direction of reduced expenditure, he did not think these differences between himself and the Departments would be serious or important. He was confident that he had the cooperation of the Executive in the work, notwithstanding the self-constituted championship set up by his colleague, (General BUTLER.) The speech was listened to with the most earnest attention throughout, though nearly two hours and a half long. Both parties in the House indorsed it, and there is no longer any occasion for charging Mr. DAWES with enmity towards the Executive and the Departments. He has struck the right chord, which will be felt throughout this session of Congress and save millions to the country.

THE GOLD INVESTIGATION.

The Banking and Currency Committee had a busy session this morning. The following witnesses were before them: A. B. CORBIN, Jos. SELIGMAN, W. E. CHAPIN, and a Mr. SAMPSON, a detective of the New-York Sub-Treasury. Mr. CORBIN arrived last night, and took private quarters in B-street, South Capital Hill. He appeared before the Committee, and occupied their attention for about an hour. At first he was not communicative, but gradually seemed more so, and gave indications that as a witness he might be worked to considerable advantage to the investigation. The Committee did not fairly get him opened to-day, and he is to be the principal witness for to-morrow. On some points he is said to be quite communicative, and to be able to remember very distinctly everything that was said; but on other points he is entirely at fault. Mr. CORBIN had hardly arrived before he was besieged by the self-constituted newspaper investigation committee, but his reticence has thus far baffled the interviewers. Mr. CHAPIN was the messenger sent to GOULD with the letter from CORBIN to the President, at Washington, Penn. He testified that he knew nothing of the contents of the letter, but delivered it to the President and received the answer, "No reply," whereupon he telegraphed, "Letter delivered all right." General BUTTERFIELD, and C. C. NONTELL, of the TIMES, are expected to appear to-morrow.

THE GEORGIA SENATORS.

There is an apparent misapprehension in some quarters as to the future action of the Georgia Legislature regarding the election of Senators. It seems to be taken for granted that the law of Congress contemplated such action. Nothing is further from the fact; and this is so understood by the President and by a majority of the Senate. The law never contemplated an invalidation of all the action of the Georgia Legislature as organized by General MEADE; it only provided for the correction of the error made in expelling rightfully elected members in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution. When this is fully done the object of the law is accomplished. And if Messrs. HILL and MILLER, the Senators elect, present themselves they will doubtless be sworn in, provided they can qualify in other respects.

THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE.

The House to-day, by an almost unanimous vote, passed the bill abolishing the franking privilege. It is accompanied by a provision, however, which will excite the ire of the country Press. It abolishes the law providing for the free circulation of newspapers in the county where published. Members were unwilling to yield their own privilege without cutting off that of their home organs also. This is fair, of course, though it rather redounds to the benefit of the city Press.

VIRGINIA.

Virginia is at last fully restored to the Union. The President to-day notified Congress that he had signed the bill, and immediately thereafter Senator LEWIS appeared, and was sworn in without objection from any quarter. Senator JOHNSON has not yet arrived. There will probably be some scrutiny in his case, as there is some question whether his disabilities are fully removed or not, and his credentials will therefore probably be sent to the Judiciary Committee. In the House four members appeared and were sworn, viz., PLATT, MILNES, RIDGWAY and PORTER. A very sharp and somewhat laughable debate occurred on PORTER's admission. He is the super-Radical who furnished SUMNER with his facts and points against the admission of the State, and who was convicted of disloyalty by a Military Commission during the war. There were no charges against him in Committee, and they, therefore, had no occasion to go behind his certificate. But the Democrats seized the opportunity to protest, in the most sanctimonious manner, against the admission of such a traitor. FERNANDO WOOD created great merriment by an outburst of loyal indignation at the idea of such a thing, and said he would cut loose from his own party forever before he would vote for the admission of a man so notorious for his disloyalty as PORTER was. Democratic lawyers, like MARSHALL and WOODWARD, however, held that the House could not go behind the certificate in a prima facie case, and he must therefore be admitted, and he was sworn. He does not add to the culture of the House, either mentally, morally, or politically.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Both the Senate and the House Committees on Commerce were in session this morning, but nothing of importance was done in the former. In the House Committee the subject of Marine Hospitals was considered at great length. There is a proposition before the Committee to place these establishments under proper control and supervision, which, it is stated, is not now the case. Large appropriations are annually voted for their support, and it is made the duty of the Collectors of Ports to see that they are properly managed and conducted. But it is felt that, owing to the manifestly onerous and important duties of these officers, detail is in a great measure neglected, and the result is a loss to the Government of many thousands of dollars. The bill before this Committee looks to an entire reorganization of the whole system, and the appointment of Medical Director, whose sole duty it shall be to see that they are properly managed and conducted. The matter was referred to a sub-Committee, consisting of Messrs. DIXON, CONGER and O'NEIL.

AMERICAN REGISTRES TO SHIPS.

Senator CRAGIN, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs, and Mr. DIXON, Chairman of the House Committee on Commerce, have had several consultations recently on the subject of granting American registers to ships, and both these gentlemen have decided to bring their respective Committees together for the purpose of agreeing on some definite line of policy on the subject. Both Mr. CRAGIN and Mr. DIXON are in favor of the utmost liberality on the subject, from a desire to recover as much as possible our commercial supremacy, and thus promoting the advancement of the shipbuilding interests. There is a large number of applications to naturalize vessels before both Committees, and some important legislation on the subject may be expected during the present session of Congress.

OCEAN STEAM LINES.

The Mediterranean and Oriental steamship project was considered at the meeting of the Senate Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads to-day, but no definite result was reached. There is a general desire, or at least feeling, in favor of subsidizing a line of steamships to Europe among Congressmen, but the great obstacle in the matter appears to be the difficulty of hitting on a scheme which will not ultimately result in taking money out of the Treasury without benefiting the country in any way, or making a single step towards the advancement of the object in view, viz., that of building up American commerce, and in some part regarding our commercial supremacy on the ocean. There is hardly one of the different schemes at present before Congress which is not regarded with suspicion and distrust. It is felt that in nearly all cases the main object of the promoters of these enterprises is to get a sufficient encouragement from the Government to enhance the price of stock, when the original movers of the speculations would sell out at a nice advance on the original investment.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

NOMINATIONS.

The President to-day sent the following nominations to the Senate:

James Jennings, Receiver of Public Moneys at Cass, Mich.; John Eaton, Jr., of Tennessee, Commissioner of Education, in place of Barnard, to be removed; J. Hampton Kershaw, Assistant Surgeon in the Navy; Lieutenant Samuel R. Wilson, Lieutenant-Commander in the Navy; First Lieutenant H. B. Livesy, Captain in the Marine Corps; Second Lieutenant Seth Ward, First Lieutenant in the Marine Corps; Israel S. Adams, Collector of Customs at Newport Harbor, N. J.; Jarvis M. Bartlett, Collector of Customs at Little Egg Harbor, N. J.; Wm. G. Williams, Postmaster at Worcester, N. Y.; Bruce Johnson, Postmaster at Shelbyville, Ind.

A LIEUTENANT-COLONEL DISMISSED THE SERVICE.

The proceedings and sentence in the case of Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel B. BLOODGOOD, who was recently tried by Court Martial at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and found guilty of conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline in having violently assaulted, with intent to bodily harm, Lieutenant O'CONNOR, of the Third Cavalry, and of having confined said Lieutenant O'CONNOR under arrest without sufficient cause, has been approved by the President, and in accordance therewith Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel BLOODGOOD has been dismissed the service of the United States.

COLORED RECRUITS GOING WEST.

The Superintendent of the mounted recruiting service at Carlisle Barracks has been ordered to send all the disposable colored troops at that point to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where, upon arrival, they will, with colored cavalry recruits now there, be assigned to the Tenth United States Cavalry.

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Thursday, Jan. 27.

Petitions were presented by Messrs. RAMSEY, DRAKE, PRATT, PATTERSON, CONKLING and FENTON for the abolition of the franking privilege. One of the petitions presented by Mr. FENTON contained the signatures of 4,681 citizens of New-York City. Another petition was presented by Mr. FENTON from the trustees of the Seamen's Friend and Retreat of New-York, asking for Congressional action to secure adequate provisions by the United States or State Government for the support of sick and disabled seamen arriving at the port of New-York. Also a resolution from the Board of Trade, of Buffalo, for the repeal of the income tax.

THE SAN FRANCISCO WHISKY SEIZURES.

On motion of Mr. HAMLIN the resolution relating to the recent seizure of distilled spirits in San Francisco, was taken up. After a short discussion it was then indefinitely postponed upon a division—20 to 18.

OMAHA A PORT OF DELIVERY.

Mr. THAYER called up the bill to establish a port of delivery at Omaha, Nebraska. After a short discussion on the expediency of abolishing some of the ports of entry the bill was passed.

VIRGINIA AND HER SENATORS.

The Vice-President communicated to the Senate the fact that the President had signed the Virginia bill.

Mr. BOREMAN said one of the Senators elect from Virginia, JOHN F. LEWIS, was present, and moved that he be qualified. The credentials of JOHN F. LEWIS and JOHN W. JOHNSON, Senators elect from the State of Virginia, were then read. Mr. LEWIS then appeared before the Speaker's desk, when the usual oath of office was administered by the Chair.

THE CURRENCY DISCUSSION RESUMED.

The Currency bill was then taken up, and Mr. HOWE reviewed the various propositions suggested by the Senators who had spoken in the discussion. He asked: Why not take off all restriction and let the people have all the money they wanted to invest in banking? Our currency would not be endangered if care was taken that one class of paper should be retired as fast as another came into use. The objection to this was based upon the supposition that the people would prefer Government notes to bank notes, but the answer to that was, that the good sense of the people would give preference to the best circulation, and that would be the one most readily convertible into coin. If this object could not at once be accomplished, Congress should at least start out on the road that would reach to it. As a Western man, he asked that the West should have the banking facilities which the East had had for 60 years, of which they were deprived by the present grossly unequal distribution.

Mr. SAWYER favored the proposition suggested by Mr. MONTON as calculated to meet the pressing requirements without creating any disturbance of the business interests of the country.

Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, referring to the assertion that the Northeastern banks had derived an undue advantage in the disposition of the present banking capital of the country, said the circumstances under which the present system was adopted should not be forgotten. It was adopted as a war measure as the only means to sustain the credit of the nation. The law authorizing it went so far as to impose upon the New-England and New-York banks a tax almost amounting to confiscation unless they came into the new system. The West declined to avail itself of the system, and the South, owing to the war, was not in a condition to avail itself of the banking privileges. It should not now be made a reproach upon the loyal States that the law making the present distribution was then accepted. He would support the proposition presented by the Committee for $45,000,000, on account of its fairness and necessity; and he neither had his opposition to any present increase of that amount.

Mr. MONTON said the proposition to limit the increase to forty-five millions, on the ground that this amount would satisfy the South and West for a year or two, was confessedly shelf-way measure. He would rather have Congress grant too much than too little, and therefore proposed the increase of sixty-five millions. If this was not all taken, no harm would result. The addition of sixty-five million dollars, as proposed by the amendment, would make an aggregate of less than one hundred and twenty million dollars for nearly three-fourths of the entire population, while nearly two hundred million dollars would be unreserved to the States with one-fourth of the population. He would ask why it was the South and West were so grudgingly allowed the poor pittance of sixty-five million dollars? It was to the interest of the New-England States to be liberal. His amendment would only take thirteen millions from the States having the largest excess, in case the sixty-two million dollars for which he provided was exhausted. Cincinnati, with a population of two hundred and fifty thousand, and and an immense commerce and manufactures, had $2,229,000 of national bank currency; Chicago, with a population of three hundred thousand, and a commerce only second to New-York, had $2,800,000; Indianapolis, with a population of fifty-five thousand, had $1,620,000; Detroit, with a population of eighty thousand, had $1,275,000; Milwaukee and St. Louis had like proportions; New-York, with about nine hundred thousand population, has about sixty-six million dollars; Boston, with two hundred and fifty thousand population, has forty-one million dollars; Providence, with thirty-five thousand population, had nearly sixteen million dollars; Hartford, with thirty-five thousand population, had $7,022,000. Under the provisions of the bill for the issue of coin notes the banks which might be established east of the Rocky Mountains would, he believed, be used for gold gambling purposes. Referring to the Pacific States, for whose benefit the bill was chiefly designed, he said that financially they had been unfriendly to the credit of the United States, having uniformly rejected our currency, preferring to adhere to gold and silver.

Mr. CASSERLY said that California had never rejected the currency of the Government, but while using lawful gold and silver, they had always been ready to receive paper at its fair value. There could be, he thought, no valid argument against their right to do that.

Mr. CONNESS explained that in the Pacific States, after the premium on gold had advanced, it was very difficult to establish a banking system under the National Currency act. There was but one bank in the State of Oregon, that at Portland, which issued a national bank note. This condition of things was attributable to a coin circulation, and not to any unfriendly feeling toward the Government currency.

Mr. MORTON said the banks there were constantly resisting the introduction of currency from this side of the continent.

Mr. CASSERLY, by way of correction of what he supposed to be Mr. MORTON's mistake, said the most fierce opposition to the introduction of paper currency and the exclusion of their own, came from the body of the people themselves. Values in California were gold values, and business was conducted on that basis.

Mr. MORTON contended that the people of California had treated our currency exactly as did the people of Canada; when he went to Canada he had to exchange his money and buy gold, and when he went to California he had to do the same thing.

Mr. CORBETT suggested that upon the same process of reasoning the New-York importers were disloyal, because they dealt in a coin basis.

Mr. MORTON disclaimed having made any charge of disloyalty against the people of the Pacific States, and proceeded to show that here gold was at a premium and paper at par, while in California gold was at par and paper at a discount. That was the difference. He argued that the effect of the amendment of Mr. SUMNER would be to cease the interest bearing debt $200,000,000, and compel an additional payment by the Government of $6,000,000 annually in interest. He referred to the loss which placed the Government to redeem all the United States notes in coin, which was part of the act pledging the faith of the Government to pay the bonds in gold.

Mr. PATTERSON said New-England had been made the scapegoat in the present discussion without sufficient provocation. She had been made responsible for the stringency of the money market at the West and South. The facts were, that in the first banking act it was provided that $150,000,000 were to be distributed, according to capital and business of the various States. In the next act that provision was left out, but in the act of 1863 it was resumed. The reason why the South and West found themself in want of money. Congress did not think it best to issue more greenbacks or legal tender, because by so doing they were interrupting the business of the country, and it was necessary business should continue in order that the war might be carried on. But the Government needed money, and the money was found in New-England, and some provision was necessary by which New-England money could be secured to the Government to carry on the war, and as the State banks were taxed ten per cent, to make the capital in those banks unproductive.

Mr. MORTON remarked that it was necessary to give the State banks out of circulation, in order to give room to the circulation of the national banks.

Mr. PATTERSON continued, remarking that it was necessary, by crowding the State banks out of existence, to force capitalists of New-England to take the national bank stock, and thus aid the Government. Now, if they had been forced to take this national bank stock, and gentlemen should not now come here from the South and West and complain that she had the lion's share of circulation; she had simply done her duty under compulsion. It was not her fault that the South and West had not taken their quota. Mr. PATTERSON proceeded to demonstrate that what was wanting was a radical change in our whole financial system, by instituting a system of office banks.

Mr. SAWYER said he did not complain of the unfair distribution by which New-England enjoyed more than her share of banking capital under the law, but desired to protest against the claim which had been set up here that she was entitled to this undue preference on account of patriotism. He claimed the facts showed that at the close of the war not one-third of the bank circulation had been distributed, and as the law required the distribution of $300,000,000 according to population, the South was also entitled to receive her share, and would have received it if the law had been adhered to. He then alluded to the difficulty to which the cotton planters of the South were subjected in raising money to carry on their operations.

Mr. PATTERSON, in the course of a reply, said that New-England having been practically forced to accept this bank stock, South Carolina now proposes to say it should be wrested from her simply because she is making a profit from it.

Mr. CAMERON moved to adjourn. After an ineffectual effort by Messrs. DRAKE and SHERMAN to secure an understanding that a vote would be taken to-morrow (Friday), the motion was agreed to, and at 4:12 o'clock P. M. the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

By unanimous consent bills were introduced and referred as follows:

By Mr. SCOFIELD—Authorizing the indemnity fund paid by China and Japan to be covered into the Treasury.

By Mr. WASHBURN, of Wisconsin—To establish steamship lines.

By Mr. GHOLSON—Requiring national banks going into liquidation to deposit lawful money in place of their circulating notes, and to take up their bonds.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Bills were reported and recommitted as follows:

By Mr. JULIAN, from the Committee on Public Lands—To prevent the further sale of public lands, except as provided for in the Preemption and Homestead laws, and the laws for disposing of town sites and mineral lands.

By Mr. INGERSOLL, from the Committee on Railroads and Canals—To authorize the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from Washington City to Cleveland, Ohio, or Erie, Penn., by the nearest direct route.

THE VIRGINIA OATH.

Mr. DAVIS called up the bill introduced by him yesterday, to amend the Virginia bill by construing the word oath to include affirmations. Passed.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions of inquiry were offered and adopted as follows:

By Mr. MOORE, of New-Jersey—As to why Harbor Master's and Pilot's fees and hospital dues are allowed to be collected at the New-York Custom House, notwithstanding the decision of the Supreme Court that such fees were unlawful.

By Mr. WILSON, of Minnesota—Relative to the improvement of navigation of the Mississippi River, at or near the Falls of St. Anthony. Also as to the reduction of postage rates between Sweden and the United States.

By Mr. BURDETT—As to the building for the Post Office, Court and Custom House, at St. Louis, Mo.

By Mr. ARCHER—As to the abolitions of stamps from the Havre de Grace Post Office.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH SELECT COMMITTEE.

The Speaker announced the following as the Select Committee on the Postal Telegraph bill: Messrs. Washburn of Wisconsin, Lawrence, Dawes, Davis, Palmer, Woodward, Beck.

THE VIRGINIA REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. PAINE moved that each of the Virginia members as to whom right to seats there was no objection should now be sworn in. Messrs. PLATT, RIDGWAY and MILNES thereupon came forward and took the oath of office.

Mr. WOOD objected to the oath being administered to Mr. PORTER, and read, as the ground of his objection, the charges and specifications upon which he (Mr. PORTER) had been convicted and sentenced to six months' imprisonment, which sentence had been approved by Major-General B. F. BUTLER; that Mr. PORTER was convicted of declaring publicly, in a tavern at Norfolk, that "the Government was a d—d tyranny, that he was ashamed of the name of AMERICAN LINCOLN was doing everything he could for his own election, and that this war was a rotten, corrupt Government from beginning to end."

Mr. PAINE, in answer to Mr. WOOD, sent to the Clerk's desk and had read a telegram from Mr. BUTLER, dated May 6, 1864, stating that CHARLES H. PORTER, in a letter to his wife, had used the words which, being reported to him, he was obliged to notice. He had, however, omitted all the onerous part of the judgment of the Commission, because the case, and his previous note, showed that PORTER had not, in fact, been disloyal.

Mr. BROOMALL remarked that the gentlemen on the other side of the House were frequently making such imputations, and that if men were to be voted out on such expressions, the members from the other side would rule themselves out.

Mr. ELDRIDGE asked Mr. PAINE whether Mr. PORTER had ever taken back the expressions charged against him?

Mr. PAINE said he did not know; he had never conversed with him on the subject.

Mr. SARGENT asked Mr. WOOD whether he was prepared to say that any person should be excluded from membership in the House for having used such language.

Mr. WOOD said he did not believe that anybody was fit to sit in the House who considered the Government of the United States a humbug, or who denounced the President in such scurrilous terms.

Mr. SARGENT remarked that he had simply wanted to get the profession of faith.

Mr. WHITTEMORE asked Mr. WOOD (sarcastically) whether he did not think it better to treat that class of people with conciliation and kindness?

Mr. WOOD—Yes, but not to give them front seats.

Mr. ELDRIDGE—Not to put them alongside the gentleman from South Carolina. [Laughter.] I wish the gentleman from California to tell us what he thinks of such sentiments.

Mr. SARGENT, in reply to Mr. ELDRIDGE, said that he would hazard the opinion that if gentlemen were to be excluded from the House, who could be proved to have used such language, the seats on his left (the Democratic side) would be pretty generally vacant. [Laughter.]

Mr. WOODWARD declared, with some excitement, that the assertions of the gentleman from California were slanderous.

Mr. PAINE resumed the floor, and insisted on the previous question.

The previous question having been seconded, and the main question ordered, Mr. HOLMAN moved to reconsider the vote ordering the main question, which motion gave him the right to the floor for an hour. He divided his time among members on both sides. An excited discussion ensued, which was participated in by Messrs. Holman, Smith of Oregon, Beck, Voorhees, Sargent, Cox, Mayham, Woodward, Butler of Massachusetts, Wood, Morgan and Eldridge.

Mr. HOLMAN reminded the House of the exclusion of Messrs. YOUNG and BROWN, members elect from Kentucky, on the pretence of their having used expressions that were regarded as disloyal.

Mr. VOORHEES said that there was no reason against PORTER being sworn in, as he held that the House was not bound to make an inquiry into his record if his constituents sent him here.

Mr. SARGENT recalled the fact that during the last Congress Mr. WOOD had been censured by the House for declaring, in a speech, that he would vote against this most infamous bill or any other infamous Congress, and asserted that the Democratic Party had, from the beginning of the rebellion, thrown its influence in the scale against the Government.

Mr. COX declared that that statement was not true. He was in Congress at the breaking out of the rebellion, and was among the first, if not the first, to denounce secession. The great body of the Democrats had stood by DOUGLAS and the Union. If all those who made expressions against the Union before the war were excluded from the House half the seats on the other side would be empty.

Mr. SARGENT repeated that the Democratic Party of the North had not been during the war in sympathy with the Government. A Democratic President, a Northern man, had sent a message to Congress, stating that he had no power to coerce a State, and in that he had been fortified by Attorney-General BLACK, a Northern Democrat.

Mr. MAYHAM made a remark as to the editor of the New-York Republican paper advocating the right of secession. At this time the confusion and excitement had increased to such an extent that the Speaker had to resort to a strenuous use of the gavel, and call the members to resume their seats. Order having been restored, Mr. WOODWARD said he rose to reply to the slanderous charge made against the Democratic Party by the gentleman from California. If the Democratic Party of the North had not recruited the army of the Union the Southern Confederacy would long ago have accomplished its fact.

Mr. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, reminded the other side of the House of the amount of joy in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth. As to the rank and file of the army having been chiefly Democratic, he agreed with the gentleman from Pennsylvania, (WOODWARD,) but the soldiers changed very soon. He had himself a body guard of one hundred and one from Pennsylvania, and without a word from him they all voted for Mr. LINCOLN, except the trumpeter, and he had been court martialed that morning for being late in sounding the reveille. He voted for McCLELLAN. [Laughter.]

Mr. WOOD considered this a good opportunity to test the consistency of the other side, and to present the popular idea of the Democratic Party. He did not, however, agree with the members on his own side that the House would not be justified in inquiring into the record of a member elect. He would not sit here with an enemy to his country.

Mr. HARRISON, referring to Mr. BUTLER's quotation as to the joy in Heaven over repentant sinners, said he could not help but think that there was no gentleman on the floor of the House who could create such a thrill of joy in heaven as the gentleman from Massachusetts, by repenting. [Laughter.]

The motion to reconsider was finally laid on the table by yeas 120, nays 4, and Mr. PORTER was sworn in as a member from Virginia.

THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE.

Mr. FARNSWORTH, from the Post Office Committee, reported a bill to abolish the franking privilege, and asked to have it made a special order.

Mr. CULLOM—I hope it will be put on its passage now.

Mr. HOLMAN—No objection to that.

Mr. GRIS—Let us pass it now.

The bill was read.

It repeals all laws giving to any officer or department of the Government, or other persons, the right either to send or receive through the mail, free of postage, any letter, document, or other mailable matter. It takes effect July 1, 1870, the act shall take effect on and after the 1st of July, 1870.

Mr. CULLOM—Let the bill be put on its passage at once, without any speeches.

Mr. INGERSOLL—Let that be done.

Mr. STEVENSON suggested an amendment to strike out the second section.

Mr. FARNSWORTH said he desired to have the bill made a special order for Monday next.

Mr. CULLOM said there was no objection to putting it on its passage now.

Mr. HOLMAN and others—None whatever.

Mr. STEVENSON—Let us pass it, and be done with it.

Mr. FARNSWORTH—Very well; the bill is before the House. I move the previous question on its passage.

The previous question was seconded, and Mr. FARNSWORTH having an hour to advocate the bill, parceled out the time, which was occupied in a discussion upon the question, participated in by Messrs. Farnsworth, Logan, Geis, Butler of Massachusetts, Beck, Wood, Wells, Latham, Judd, Eldridge, Ferris, Hill, Cox, Wood, Potter, Whittemore, Ingersoll, Conger and Eliot.

Mr. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, inquired whether the bill would cut off free newspapers.

Mr. FARNSWORTH—It does; it cuts off everything.

Mr. BUTLER—All right. [Laughter.]

Mr. FARNSWORTH said he concurred with his Committee in reporting this bill, but not for the reason given by the Postmaster-General. He did not believe that the Post Office Department was going to make a saving of $3,000,000 by the abolition of the franking privilege, or anything like it. He did not think that the mails would be carried for much less than they were carried now. The main reason why he was in favor of abolishing the franking privilege was that he thought the effect would be to abolish the enormous amount of public documents they now had to carry. He saw heavy books and documents will be sent free through the mails, and therefore they would not be printed. It was generally supposed that members of Congress made a good deal of popularity and reputation for themselves by sending books and documents to their constituents. That was a mistake. Take, for instance, the Agricultural Report, the most popular document printed by Congress. Each member had 800 copies for distribution among his constituents. He had himself about 26,000 votes, and he did not understand why 24,000 of them should be taxed to supply 800 of them with that book. So it was with every other book printed.

Mr. LAPLIN, Chairman of the Committee on Printing, remarked that the gentleman from Illinois, (Mr. FARNSWORTH,) had made the strongest point he could make in favor of the bill when he said it would lessen the public printing; but he could not sanction the statement that it would effect a saving of $1,000,000, or bear such a sum of money in that way. He wished to say a word in vindication of the country, in behalf of a much-abused Congress. What the real fact was Congress was being held responsible all over the country for expenditures that are made beyond and outside of the vote authorizing the public printing. The last report of the Committee showed that the amount of printing, binding, lithographing and engraving ordered by the House of Representatives the last year was $4,000,000, and of that amount over $600,000 were expended on three books—the Agricultural Report costing a little over $200,000, the Mechanical Report a little over $200,000, and the Census the balance. Could the members of the country say that Congress was extravagant in paying $3 cents a volume for the Agricultural Report? The printing for the Senate cost $110,000, and when these two amounts, $400,000 and $110,000 were added together, they showed the cost of the public printing for the two Houses. He was asked by the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations if he could tell how much the printing of the Department had cost. He had not the figures at hand, but he would venture to make the statement in round numbers that the printing for the Departments for the same time was between $200,000 and $300,000.

Mr. JULIAN—What is the total cost of printing?

Mr. LAPLIN—Some where near $1,700,000.

Mr. WOOD made the point of order that under the rule no member should vote on any question in which he had an immediate and personal interest. [Laughter.]

The Speaker overruled the point of order.

Mr. INGERSOLL inquired whether the bill cut off free exchanges of newspapers?

Mr. FARNSWORTH replied that it did. It did not require the prepayment of postage on newspapers, but it did require the payment of postage on all newspapers and all letters.

Finally, the discussion was closed and the bill passed—yeas 174, nays 14, as follows:

YEAS.

Adams,	Hale,	Peasley,	
Alison,	Hardeck,	Porter,	
Ames,	Harris,	Pratt,	
Arnot,	Hay,	Prindle,	
Archer,	Hooper,	Radford,	
Armstrong,	Hoskins,	Randall,	
Barber,	Hunter,	Rice,	
Beaman,	Hunton,	Robinson,	
Begg,	Ingersoll,	Rogers,	
Benjamin,	Jones,	Sawyer,	
Bingham,	Julian,	Schenck,	
Blair,	Kelley,	Shellabarger,	
Boyer,	Kelsey,	Sherwood,	
Brooks, (Mass.)	Kerr,	Sitgreaves,	
Brooks, (N. Y.)	Kitchen,	Smith, (Ohio.)	
Buck,	Knapp,	Smith, (Conn.)	
Buckley,	Lafean,	Smith, (Tenn.)	
Burchard,	Lansing,	Smith, (Va.)	
Burdett,	Lash,	Stevenson,	
Burr,	Lawrence,	Stokes,	
Butler,	Leach,	Stone,	
Cake,	Longbridge,	Taffe,	
Churchill,	Lynch,	Taylor,	
Clarke,	Marshall,	Tillman,	
Cullom,	Marvin,	Trimble,	
Davis,	McCarthy,	Twitchell,	
Dawes,	McCormick,	Tyner,	
Dixon,	McCrary,	Upson,	
Donley,	McCullough,	Van Aken,	
Dox,	McJunkin,	Van Horn,	
Duval,	Moore, (N. J.)	Van Trump,	
Dyer,	Morgan,	Wallace,	
Eldridge,	Morrill, (Vermont.)	Washburn, (Wis.)	
Eliot,	Morrill, (Me.)	Washburn, (Mass.)	
Fox,	Myers,	Waters,	
Garfield,	Newsham,	Welker,	
Gibson,	Niblack,	Wheeler,	
Gilfillan,	O'Neill,	Whittemore,	
Gove,	Orth,	Wilkinson,	
Grover,	Packard,	Williams,	
Hamilton,	Packer,	Wilson, (Minn.)	
Farnsworth,	Paine,	Wilson, (Ohio.)	
Ferris,	Palmer,	Winans,	
Fitz-Henry,	Patton,	Winchester,	
Fitzgerald,	Platt,	Wolfe,	
Fisher,	Poland,	Wilcher—174.	

NAYS.

Briggs,	Johnson,	Sherrod,	
Clark,	Lawrence,	Stone,	
Hunter, (Tenn.)	Mayham,	Strong,	
Griswold,	Morgan,	Woodward—14.	
Haldeman,	Rogers,		

Mr. CHURCHILL, from the Committee of Elections, reported a resolution that H. D. FOSTER was not entitled to a seat from the Twenty-first Congressional District of Pennsylvania, and that JOHN J. COYNE was not entitled to notice; that he would call up the resolution for action next Tuesday.

THE APPROPRIATIONS—MR. DAWES TO MR. BUTLER.

The House at 2:30 o'clock went into Committee on the Whole, Mr. CESENA in the chair, on the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation bill.

Mr. DAVIS addressed the Committee in reply to Mr. BUTLER's speech of yesterday, understanding to prove that his own speech, which had been arraigned yesterday, was made on a fitting occasion; that the speech was true, and that it was proper that he should make it. He had been charged with having, with his eyes open, prostituted his official position to the benefit of the Democratic Party, and to the sacrifice of his own credit. His first speech was delivered upon a bill involving a great public work, involving immediately, as he thought, and ultimately certainly, the expenditure of a large sum of public money. He had been charged with the duty, in company with eight other members of the House, of taking care of the public expenditures, and it had been the opinion of that Committee that that was a proper occasion, through one of its members, to express to the House the reasons of its objection to the bill, and it had fallen to his lot to give utterance to those reasons. He had good reason, after three weeks' study, to deliver, to submit to the judgment of his peers; that not only was it a fit reason for delivering the speech when he did deliver it, but what he uttered was, in all essential and important particulars, the truth. Mr. DAWES then proceeded, with the book of estimates in his hands, to show, by a comparison of the estimates of the various Departments, and to show that his original statement in regard to the excess of estimates over the appropriations of last year were in every respect correct. Passing on from the figures he said: I should rejoice as much as any man at any demonstration going to show that the expenditures of this country have been reduced of the burden of taxation by a reduction of expenditure since ANDREW JOHNSON left the Presidential chair. But the question that I was investigating, and the inquiry that I was putting to the country was, whether as between this year and the next year, the tendency of expenditures was upwards or downwards, and I feel it a duty for me to contribute what weight my power, if I thought I saw that the tendency was upwards, to induce those who are responsible in those halls in the administration of the Government, to so manage public affairs that the tendency should be downwards, not upwards. Now, six figures I may be, but I repeat, I repeat, "Come upon Pelion, O mountains high, to show the difference between ANDREW JOHNSON's Administration in that regard and the first year of our Administration; but they do not rest upon my shoulders. Broad sides may be fired from that point of view, but the missiles will fall harmless at my feet; for there is nothing in all this speech I said had any reference whatever to the estimates of ANDREW JOHNSON's Administration, or the appropriations and expenditures in his Administration. We have been told that the estimates for last year were made by Mr. JOHNSON's Administration in a spirit of hostility to the incoming Administration; not that Mr. JOHNSON would carry on the Administration for, but what General GRANT should carry it on for; and that in such a fit of economy, the estimates were cut down so as to embarrass the incoming Administration; and that was said by one who was himself a party to the Committee on Appropriations, to further to embarrass this Administration by cutting down those estimates $20,000,000. [Laughter.] The truth about that statement is that nobody ever heard of it until yesterday. If anything is a test as to whether the tendency to expenditure is upwards or downwards in the Departments, it will be found in the three items for salaries and contingent expenditures. The excess of estimates over the appropriation for the present year for these is as follows:

Executive Department proper	$90,000
State Department	32,000
Treasury Department	200,000
Department of the Interior	30,000
Department of War, less	5,000
Navy Department	65,000
Post Office Department	100,000
Department of Justice	30,000

The total excess of estimates for salaries and contingent expenses for these Departments over the appropriations of this year are $552,000. Take another illustration. Take the Navy Yard of Washington and imagine how many officers of the navy, independent of civil officers, are required to take care of it. Here Mr. DAWES read the list of officers employed in the Washington Navy Yard, stating that the number was twenty, and that the amount of their salaries was $16,000. Besides these, the salaries of the civil officers who helped them to take care of the Navy Yard amounted to $44,000; making a grand total of salaries for the Navy Yard of Washington $57,000. He suggested whether eight or ten thousand dollars properly distributed in a private yard would not be more effective for the purposes of the navy? Speaking of Admiral's yachts, he asserted that they cost the Government $1,500,000 in gold, before a day were taken and used for suitable purposes. If mercantile marine of the country, it would tend to encourage trade and enterprise and commerce instead of being a mere waste and useless pageantry. Referring to the suggestion made yesterday by Mr. BUTLER that he (DAWES) should have gone to the Departments to inquire into any supposed errors, he was compelled to say just what had transpired, and the country would judge from it whether he had been unfair or unjust. When the estimates were put in the hands of the Committee on Appropriations, the Departments were allotted among the nine members of the Committee, and he would believe that the Democratic members of the Committee were as faithful as any of them in the discharge of that duty. With these balances starting them in the face, the members of the Committee were charged with the duty of visiting all the Departments and trying the estimates, that they could be cut down. The Interior Department and the Treasury Department had fallen to his lot. The other Departments were distributed among the other members of the Committee. Eight of the nine members of the Committee had spent the greater part of two weeks of holiday in that work, and had been constant visitors at the Departments. He, himself, had visited, according to the charge imposed upon him, the Interior Department and the Treasury Department, and when one of the Committee had to go home, he had taken off his hands the War Department. The other members of the Committee had visited every other Department, and portrayed their balances to them, and they had each reported to the Committee that they were sorry for the balances, but that for that Department the estimates could not be cut down. It was due to the Secretary of the Interior to say, that while he said it was impossible to cut down the force in his Department, he could curtail expenditures outside—in the Hospital for the Insane, in the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, and in the Women's Lying-in Hospital. [Laughter.] At that same time, when the Secretary of the Interior could not cut down the estimates for his Department, there was a single bureau there that had accumulated $400,000 surplus because it had appropriations from year to year more than it could use; and without saying a word about that surplus it was asking $40,000 more, and saying positively to the Committee that it could not curtail one penny. Mr. DAWES went on to relate his experiences in the Treasury Department, and said: "I went away from the Treasury Department discouraged. I took the counsel of influential gentlemen in the party, with this book of estimates under my arm, which has been my constant companion for six weeks, and I was advised to go to the President myself; and I laid these estimates and these balances before him. But, (after a short pause, and in a tone of sadness

CURRENT NOTES.

Even now, at the close of January, the grasshopper is a burden in New-Jersey.

Indiana has two new towns which bear the names of Gasville and Noodmore.

A Southern paper crows over a vanquished rival, and says it has "heard it from the scene with the dangers of its opera."

Boston finds 20 boys enough to shine its boots, but requires 125 newsboys to enlighten its understanding.

A vile Philadelphia thief waylaid a young lady in the street on Tuesday night, and finding nothing worth taking in her pockets, cut off her hair with a dull knife.

There are now living twenty-four persons in Connecticut and one in California who are own cousins, and whose united ages are 1,700 years.

A proposition is before the Illinois Constitutional Convention looking to the levying of the usual State taxes in future upon the property of church corporations.

Forgetful of the differences which grew out of political antagonisms, the Louisville *Commercial* appeared in mourning on the day following Mr. FRESTICE's death, and paid a feeling tribute to his memory.

The Houston *Telegraph* states that General E. J. DAVIS has declared, since his election as Governor of Texas, that he will not allow himself to be nominated for the United States Senate, and even though elected will not serve.

It is asserted that Rev. Dr. HEACOCK, of Buffalo, said in a recent discourse that "there is as much reason for demanding the reading of the Bible in a planing mill or woolen factory as in the common schools."

The average time made by steamers last year between Panama and San Francisco was 14 days 2 hours; between China and the same port, 23 days 1 hour, and between Honolulu and the same port, 12 days 7 hours.

Major GEORGE BURROUGHS died on the *Narragansett* at Charleston, S. C., on Saturday, aged 29 years. He was a native of Camden, N. J., graduated at West Point in 1857, and was assigned to duty in the Engineer Corps.

A South Carolina paper declares that a young man who lost his wife last week, married another while friends were making preparations for the funeral, and with his bride followed the remains sorrowfully to the grave.

The Troy papers are engaged in a useless but most amusing dispute as to which is the most enterprising. They are all good. No breakfast in Troy would be complete unless a *Whig* were laid by the side of each plate, while at supper the *Press* is essential and the *Times* indispensable.

A lady in Leavenworth has written to a town in Missouri that she is "lecturin on the influence and duties of woman," and would like to "lector for the benefit of the church or Sabbath School, or any individual in that town for 50 dollars, or for one-half, at 50 cents a ticket." She asks her correspondent to "piease right and let her no what can be dun about it."

The original commission of General FRANCIS MARION is on exhibition in Charleston, S. C. It bears date April 19, 1782, and commissions him as Lieutenant-Colonel in the United States service, to take rank from Sept. 15, 1775. He pay commenced from the later date, and the *Courier* has ascertained that he drew it accordingly.

Canal Appraiser BROCKWAY has published a card in the Albany papers, in which he says that the awards in the "Black River claims" were made on the 21st of December, simply because the law required that they should be made by that date. The *Evening Journal* does not seem satisfied with the statement, and it insists that Mr. BROOKS should have been consulted by his colleagues, BROCKWAY and WARSON, before they made their decision.

Mr. HENRY SHAW having given the City of St. Louis land for park purposes, the United States Assessor has levied a succession tax of $23,020 against the city, holding that under the law it was a conveyance without valuable and adequate consideration. The city resists the claim, and has referred it to Commissioner DELANO, with a statement that it has been required to issue its bonds to the amount of $360,000 for the purpose of improving the park.

A Louisville reporter has tried his hand at a description of a ball. It is wonderfully vivid. With tantalizing initials he declares that he "noticed in the feminine coterie, Miss A. M., of Frankfort, attired in a beautiful broken plaid, scarlet and white poplin, and gay with humor;" while Miss E. H., of Franklin, "wore grenadine, with white ground and cherry polka spot, radiant in smiles," and Miss M. W., of Frankfort, appeared in "mode-colored poplin, with ruffles, variegated sash and lace collar, proud as a queen and sweet with innocence as a lamb."

General CARLETON, commanding at San Antonio, Texas, who issued that funny order relating to soldiers carrying pistols, has just perpetrated another, in which he says: "It has been observed that soldiers out on pass at night do not conduct themselves in an orderly manner, and often annoy the citizens by the use of boisterous and profane language. This must stop. A good soldier is always marked by his politeness, his quiet, gentlemanly deportment, a due regard for the reputation of his company, and a pride in the uniform he wears. When that uniform covers a profane brawler, discipline must teach the brawler good manners."

It will be remembered that claims were entered against our Government for damages caused by the bombardment of Greytown some fifteen years ago, and that in March, 1860, Mr. E. JOY MORRIS, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs in the House, made a report recommending the appointment of Commissioners to inquire into the facts of the case. The breaking out of the war immediately after prevented any action being taken in the matter, but we learn that it is to be again brought to the attention of Congress. A statement made by a member of the Committee appointed by the claimants at Greytown, which embodies Mr. MORRIS' report to Congress, will be found in the advertising columns of this morning's TIMES.

The Philadelphia *Age* relates that when President ANDREW JACKSON was told that Purser RANDOLPH, who was dismissed from the navy for defalcation, had been arrested for his assault upon him, he exclaimed: "Yes, and I greatly regret it, and have ordered his release. If I had not been interfered with, I would have punished the scoundrel on the spot. I do not want the aid of the law to protect me, or redress my wrongs. My dear mother, God bless her, when I was a boy, gave me this piece of advice, 'Never to sue for slander, indict for assault and battery, or permit a personal assault to go unpunished on the spot;' and God knows I have most religiously adhered to it throughout my life;" and dashing a long-stemmed white clay pipe, which he had been smoking, on the mantel piece, by which he was erectly standing, he broke it into atoms.

A Prominent Citizen in Trouble.

WM. VARLEY *alias* "Reddy the Blacksmith" was arrested yesterday by Captain ED. WALSH, of the Fourteenth Ward Police, on a charge of intoxication and disorderly conduct. He was found assaulting persons passing up and down in Broadway, and finally ended his drinking freak by smashing a small show case in front of No. 214 Broadway. When the Police Captain arrived on the scene he proceeded to arrest the cutlaw and ruffian, though the latter at first offered some resistance. While proceeding to the Station House Reddy broke away from his captor and took refuge in a convenient cellar, but he was easily recaptured and escorted to the Tombs, where Alderman MOORE locked him up for trial.

Address on the American India Mission.

Yesterday afternoon Miss BRITTON, who directs the American Mission in Calcutta, delivered an address at Rev. Dr. TYNG's Chapel in East Sixteenth-street, on "The Sufferings of Hindoo Women," describing their domestic life, and pleading their cause in a most touching manner. The lady commenced by saying that she hoped there would arise a feeling of interest in this mission, distant though it was. There are, she said, 800 Christian Hindoo pupils in the schools of the American Mission in Calcutta, and 20,000 extra pupils who are on the books of the Society. There are 200,000 inhabitants in Calcutta and 15,000,000 in Bengal, and out of these round numbers there are as yet only 22,000 professing Christians. Yet Miss BRITTON asserted that there was a spirit of search after the Divine Word throughout the length and breadth of the land, from the humblest of the people, who lay in the lowly cottage of the parah, and she feelingly called upon all present to aid in the good work.

There is to be a similar meeting on Sunday, the 4th of February, at Dr. BOGUES' church, Twenty-first-street and Fifth-avenue.

THE CITY BANKS.

Report of the Capital and Deposits of the Banks of this City for the Month of December.

The following report makes an exhibit of the capital and deposits of the banks of the City for the month of December, including all with the exception of the Bank of North America, the Dry Dock Bank, the Manufacturers' and Merchants' Bank, and the Nassau Bank. The semi-annual report of the capital of the National Banks, except in some instances where the dividends, and the profits ever dividends is given; the report of the capital of the Trust Companies, and the report of the deposits liable to tax of the Savings Banks. The latter gives no idea whatever either of the business of the solvency of the banks, for their investments in Government securities may equal and even exceed their deposits, in which case there would be nothing liable to tax. The Savings Banks, like those of last December, have not all made their returns yet:

STATE BANKS.

	Capital.	Deposits.
Bank of America	$6,000,000	$8,720,[illegible]
Bank of State	150,000	1,481,[illegible]
Corn Exchange	1,000,000	1,427,[illegible]
Eleventh Ward Bank	51,120	234,[illegible]
Germania Bank	200,000	811,[illegible]
Greenwich Bank	200,000	1,[illegible]
Manhattan Company	1,050,000	4,421,641
Manufacturers & Builders Ins.	100,000	327,[illegible]
Mutual Bank	191,000	20,[illegible]
North River Bank	1,000,000	1,[illegible]
N. Y. Gold Exchange	200,000	[illegible]
North River Bank	200,000	475,[illegible]
Oriental Bank	300,000	1,006,[illegible]
People's Bank	In liquidation	[illegible]
Phenix Bank	213,000	1,[illegible]
Seventh Ward Bank	100,000	200,[illegible]
Wall-street Exchange	100,000	20,[illegible]
Wonder Bank	341,720	1,[illegible]
Total	$9,158,[illegible]	$17,[illegible]

NATIONAL BANKS.

	Capital.
American Exchange	$5,000,000
Atlantic Bank	200,000
Bank of the state of New-York	2,000,000
Bank of Commerce	10,000,000
Bank of the Commonwealth	1,000,000
Bank of Commerce	10,000,000
Chatham Bank	450,000
City Bank	1,000,000
Continental Bank	1,000,000
First National Bank	200,000
Fourth National Bank	3,000,000
Fifth Ward Bank	100,000
Gallatin Bank	1,000,000
Hanover Bank	1,000,000
Irving National Bank	450,000
Marine Bank	400,000
Market Bank	1,000,000
Mechanics' Bank	2,000,000
Mechanics' Banking Association	500,000
Merchants' Banking Association	1,000,000
Metropolitan Bank	2,000,000
National Bank of North America	1,000,000
National Butchers' Bank	300,000
Park Bank	2,000,000
Phenix Bank	1,000,000
Seventh Ward Banking Association	200,000
St. Nicholas Bank	1,000,000
Tenth National Bank	1,000,000
Third National Bank	1,000,000
Union National Bank	1,000,000
Total	[illegible]

NATIONAL BANKS.

	Profit over Dividends.	Dividend.
Bowery	[illegible]	[illegible]
Butchers' and Drovers'	43,[illegible]	[illegible]
Central National Bank	40,000	[illegible]
Chemical (surplus)	2,000,000	[illegible]
Eighth	34,[illegible]	[illegible]
Fifth Avenue	50,000	[illegible]
Fourth National	40,000	[illegible]
Importers' and Traders'	1,000,000	[illegible]
Irving	20,000	[illegible]
Mechanics' Exchange	8,000	[illegible]
New-York Exchange	5,000	[illegible]
Ninth National Bank	20,000	[illegible]
Tradesmen's National Bank	[illegible]	[illegible]

TRUST COMPANIES.

	Capital.
Bankers' and Brokers' Association	[illegible]
Fulton Loan and Trust Company	1,000,000
New-York Life Insurance and Trust Co.	1,000,000
New-York Guaranty and Indemnity Co.	2,000,000
Union Trust Company	1,000,000
United States Trust Company	1,000,000
Total	$7,000,000

SAVINGS BANKS.

	Deposits.	Liabilities.
Atlantic	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bowery	2,[illegible]	[illegible]
Clinton Bank, Eighth-avenue	30,114	[illegible]
Dry Dock	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eleventh Ward	12,[illegible]	[illegible]
Emigrant	[illegible]	[illegible]
German Bank	1,[illegible]	[illegible]
Greenwich Bank	1,[illegible]	[illegible]
Institution for Savings of Merchants' Clerks	[illegible]	[illegible]
Irving	[illegible]	[illegible]
Manhattan	2,[illegible]	[illegible]
Metropolitan	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mechanics'	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mutual Benefit	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mutual	[illegible]	[illegible]
New-York Savings Bank	[illegible]	[illegible]
Peoples'	[illegible]	[illegible]
Seamen's	1,[illegible]	[illegible]
Security	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sixteenth Ward	[illegible]	[illegible]
Uptown Bank	[illegible]	[illegible]
West Side Bank	[illegible]	[illegible]

Fifteen savings banks, twelve national banks and one of the trust companies, in addition to the State banks above mentioned, have or had on the 1st of last December not yet made their returns. The national banks make their returns but once in six months—the remainder once a month.

NITRO-GLYCERINE.

A Factory at Ridgefield, Bergen County —Large Quantities Stored Near the Village—How it is Transported—Fears of a Disaster.

The majority of the inhabitants of the quiet village of Ridgefield, Bergen County, N. J., little suspect their dangerous proximity to that explosive demon nitro-glycerine. Yet such is the fact. About one mile from them, in the meadows on the banks of the Hackensack River, near the Bergen County turnpike, and but half a mile south of Mr. LAWTON's house, is a large factory where the article is manufactured and thousands of gallons are secreted awaiting transportation to different parts of the country. There is enough of the combustible stored there at present to produce an earthquake if it exploded. From time to time some of the residents have observed numerous barrels being brought to this factory, but their contents were a mystery. We have learned that they contained glycerine and the other necessary ingredients for making up the stuff. None of these barrels have ever been seen to leave the premises, however, for the reason that becoming aware of the dangerous character of the freight the Directors and Superintendent of the Northern Railroad positively refused to carry one ounce of it. In this resolve they were confirmed also by the managers of the Bull's Ferry, and those farther up the river. In view of this fact the proprietors of the nitro-glycerine have been obliged to resort to various contrivances to supply orders at any distance from the factory. Some of these have been characterized by a carelessness and reckless disregard of the probable disastrous consequences highly reprehensible. On one occasion, a short time ago, a man came to Ridgefield and purchased at the factory two gallons of the dangerous material, which he carried in a tin can firmly corked. To explode it he wrapped it in a large piece of bagging, then taking passage in one of the way trains of the Northern Railway, actually sat in a crowded passenger car with the can between his knees. When we consider how many fearful accidents have occurred from a smaller want of precaution in the handling of nitro-glycerine, the mode of carrying it from place to place must be condemned. Fortunately, however, not one of his fellow passengers were aware of with what a dangerous companion they were voyaging. It was not until a day or two after that our informant, who was on the same train, learned it of one who was bound to the same place as the combustible.

Lately another but much more fearful risk was taken by the fabricators of the article. The person who furnished this piece of information is a man of the highest respectability, and vouches for the correctness of his statement. It was necessary to send 600 gallons of nitro-glycerine to Connecticut a short time ago, and there were no means of doing it at hand other than to cart the whole through the village of Ridgefield in which there is quite a large population. Loading an open cart with barrels containing the 600 gallons, the owners dispatched a man with it through Ridgefield, and along the road to Tarrytown, at which point it was received to cross the river. This route is very thickly settled, and, as our informant alleges, there was imminent danger of an accident from the careless manner in which the combustible was packed. Be this as it may, the conduct of the driver was very wrong, as the sequel will show. For some reason, the character of his burden being known to the people at Tarrytown and Nyack, it is said, he was compelled to retrace his steps and returned with the load to Ridgefield, which place he reached in the evening. Here he applied to his employers for directions how to act, and by them was ordered to place the cart with its load in an open lot a few rods from the house on the northern side of the village, and close to the Bergen County Turnpike roadside, and to cover it over with straw. This was done, and these 600 gallons of the most explosive material known, were left there all night. In the morning, fully aware that he was well known to the people at Bull's Ferry or Forty-acre Ferry, a driver of the cart mentioned feared, and, as such, would not be allowed to take a cart load of anything coming anywhere within satisfactorily proven not to be dangerous, he sent a small German boy in charge of the cart and stuff, who, of course, knew nothing of the contents. The boy crossed over to New-York, driven through the streets of the City to a point far up-town, where he was met by the driver, who afterwards took it along to Connecticut. Many other acts of [illegible]

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DEATH OF EX-JUDGE HEARNE.

Proceedings in the Marine Court—Adjournment by a Mark of Respect to His Memory.

At an early hour yesterday morning ex-Judge EDWARD L. HEARNE, late of the Marine Court of this City, died at Rockaway, aged 54 years. Deceased was stricken with paralysis some time ago and since then he has been almost incapacitated from performing his ordinary duties. His death was not unexpected.

In the General Term of the Marine Court yesterday, before Presiding Judge ALEXR and Judges GROSS and CURTIS, after the opening of the Court Mr. MALCOLM CAMPBELL rose and said: May it please your Honors, I have the melancholy office to perform of announcing the death of Hon. EDWARD L. HEARNE, late Justice of this Court. I cannot say how long and intimate acquaintance with him, speak of his warm friendship, his claims to sterling honesty, and his ability as a jurist. I feel that I cannot pay too high a tribute to his merits, for he was all one could well wish to be. I see around me those who can speak of him better than I can. I know of no more conscientious man, no more elevated character, no more honest man, no more learned jurist, and no more kind-hearted gentleman than he was. Therefore, I move that this Court do now adjourn, out of respect to the memory of the departed.

Mr. JESSE E. PURDENCE said: May it please your Honors, I rise to second my learned brother under feelings of no ordinary nature to me; feelings of the deepest sorrow for the loss of a warm and inestimable friend; and I do condole with all around me for the loss that this occurrence and the occasion may have sustained. The bereavement, though expected, loses none of its weight now that it has fallen upon us. We can only bow in silence and sorrow to the blow. Happily, we can in this and hour find consolation in testifying to our deep lasting admiration for the departed. My acquaintance with him, extending back to the time when he came to our Bar, has nothing in it of regret, and much there is of kindness, urbanity, and true nobleness of character on his part, to entitle him to a lasting remembrance. In this I speak not only for myself, but for many of those, I am sure, of the Bench, the Bar and the Committee. Often have we met while he was at the Bar, practicing a profession in which his labors added so much to his credit and his fame; and when he left the Bar for a seat upon the Bench, he carried with him the same upright demeanor, courtesy and fairness that had marked his course when one of our number. Never did I mean or think that this and duty was to be mine. Those present can better speak of him than I, for I see many around who have known him long and very intimately. When the history of our Bench and Bar is written, upon its pages will appear among the learned, honored and beloved the name of EDMUND LYONS HEARNE.

Mr. Justice CURTIS, as the successor of the deceased, said: I can only speak of him as I found him, an honest man, a true friend, an able lawyer and a judge and one whose departure this Court must sincerely regret. Chief Justice ALEXR will now announce the order of this Court.

Chief Justice ALEXR—The Court approves of the motion, and as a mark of respect to the memory of Judge HEARNE this Court will stand adjourned to Thursday of next week.

FORTUNES OF A NICE YOUNG MAN.

How He Wore Fine Clothes, Drove Fast Horses and Lived on Borrowed Money —Kingston Gudgeons Caught and Skinned.

One of the boldest and most successful swindling operations that has been reported outside of the great Metropolis was recently perpetrated at Kingston. About two years ago a young man named WILLIAM TRAVIS was favorably introduced into business circles by a prominent and reliable resident of Westchester County, who represented that TRAVIS was the heir apparent to $100,000 from a Philadelphia lady who had lately died. He dressed and lived in style, drove fine horses, boarded expensively, attended church regularly, and displayed every token of being an exemplary young man. His modest appearance, unexceptionable deportment and gentlemanly address were the favorable remark of everybody. The young ladies especially were eager to get into his good graces, and designing mammas were anxious to guide his possible tendencies wifeward. He was very liberal and charitable. On one occasion, when dissatisfied with the arrangements which had been made for the burial of an elderly lady, he rejected the plain coffin and appurtenances that had been provided, and ordered one of more elegant style, and carriages. Are for the funeral, and laid the bills thereof charged to himself. Other incidents with this made him very popular, and he was esteemed a perfect model of the "nice, good young man." At various intervals he borrowed sums of money, promising to repay it with a handsome interest when he came into full possession of his inheritance, which was to have been during the present month.

A few days ago he very suddenly and mysteriously disappeared, and it seems that he (some of the most accomplished impostors. He borrowed of the gentleman with whom he boarded, Mr. J. G. POLAND, $1,500; of Mr. E. S. VAUPEL, $2,000; of another gentleman, $4,000; of Mr. ANDREW BOSTWICK, for horse hire, $[illegible] of JAMES BOSTWICK, cash, $1,800, and of G. H. SAFFORD, $600, for jewelry. The latter was numerously bestowed on female acquaintances, nearly all of whom have received little tokens of his affection. To complete the deception TRAVIS recently complained of ill health, made a will, and bequeathed large sums of money to the victims who had kindly loaned him funds. Other parties are supposed to have been victimized, including several hopeful young belles, who thought that TRAVIS was to pop the question in due time. Detectives are upon the absconder's track.

The Erie Railway Strike.

The Erie Railway strikers held their regular morning meeting yesterday during the forenoon, but with what result is not known. The Company is fast replenishing its vacant machine shops with new hands. No more occurred yesterday nor were any disturbances of any kind reported.

Man's Inhumanity to Woman—A Grave Charge.

GERONIMO O'DONADI, who resides in Thirtieth-street and Eighth-avenue, was brought up at the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday, charged with insulting Miss JEMIMA ALLEN, No. 213 West Twentieth-street, and sending her letters of a grossly obscene nature. Miss ALLEN detailed a story of a continued series of insults she had been subjected to since last September by the prisoner, who had followed her in the streets and insulted her every time he saw and insult her. He had engaged a man residing in her house to watch her movements, and on Saturday last, in company with this person, he came to her residence, made grossly offensive overtures to her, which she rejected, and finally hurl in the face of the man who was with him a missile, that had been arrested upon this charge, but on the following Tuesday he repeated the offence by following her in the streets, and into the house of a Mr. SHAUGHNESSY, whither she had fled from him. Miss ALLEN added that some months ago she had been introduced to the prisoner, in company with the prisoner, but having ascertained that he had a wife living, she of course discontinued all intimacy with him. Judge SHANDLEY strongly condemned O'DONADI's conduct, and had him committed in default of $1,000 bail. Bail, however, was subsequently given, and the prisoner was discharged.

Excitement at West Point—A Lunatic at Large.

A man named DONOVAN, a private in the Engineer Corps at West Point, who suffered severely from delirium tremens, became partially insane about a week since, and escaped from his friends to the mountains. There he has wandered, eluding all efforts made for his capture by bands of soldiers and citizens, hiding in caves, or sending almost impenetrable thickets. The entire population will join in a hunt for him to-day.

Passage of Steamers Through the Sound.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Your correspondent in Albany intimates that the bill to prevent the passage of the steamers coming through the Sound, and whose destination is New-York, is unconstitutional. If he is right all the port regulations are wrong, and there is no legal power in the state to make regulations for the harbor, and assign particular piers or berths to vessels. I do not think an argument is necessary on this subject. G. W. R.

The Harrison-Vreeland Breach of Promise Case.

The breach of promise case of MARY HARRISON vs. GEO. VREELAND, which was held before the Hudson County Court last Winter, came up yesterday in the same Court for a new trial. In the original case Mrs. HARRISON, a widow, aged about 45 years, sued the defendant, a widower of 65, worth $700,000, for damages in the sum of $50,000 for breach of promise of marriage. The case occupied five days in trial, and much money was expended by the plaintiff, showing that the defendant had frequently visited her at her house in Greenville, near his home; that he had verbally promised to marry her, and had taken great interest in her purchase of a wedding dress, for which he paid her $1,000 in two payments. The defendant, on the other hand, proved that he had visited the house but twice, and that he had on his person along with the money, certainly within a week or his death, and, as she believes and thinks she will be able [illegible]

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Motion and Reply for motion; Francis Byrne opposed.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—JAN. 27, 1870.

FIRST BOARD—10½ A. M.

$66,000 U. S. 6s '81, C.	114¼	100 Quick. M. Co.	14
7,000 do. c	114¼	500 do. bds. call	14
20,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65	114¾	1000 Mariposa Pf.	18
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1,000 do.	114¾	100 Cath...b. c.	40
2,000 do.	114¾	600 Pac. Mail	23¼
1,000 do.	115	100 do.	23¼
2,000 Cal. Pac. R. R.	93	200 do.	23¼
2,000 Pacific R. R.	93	100 Boston W. P.	17
1,000 Tenn. 6s, ex c.	63¾	100 do.	17¼
10,000 do.	63	100 do.	17¼
10,000 do.	63	100 Adams Ex.	63¼
10,000 Va. 6s, ex c.	56¾	100 do. bds. call	63
10,000 do.	56	100 A. M. U. Ex.	25¼
10,000 N. Car. 6s	35	100 U. S. Ex.	48
5,000 do.	35	100 do.	48
1,000 do.	35	100 do.	48
1,000 Ga. 6s, ex c.	91	100 do.	48
7,000 S. Car. 6s, new	72	100 do.	48
1,000 do. July	72	100 N. Y. Cen. & H. R.	97
1,000 do.	72	100 Reading	48	48¼
4,000 Mo. 6s	93	20000 N. Y. Cen. & H. R.	
1,000 Ala. 5s, bds	85	Cit.	
1,000 Louisiana 6s	75	1000 do. bds. call	48¼
1,000 M. S. & P. bds	87¼	100 do.	48¼
10,000 Cal. Pac. R. R.		100 do. bds. call	48¼
G. Bds	84¼	2000 do.	48¼
1,000 do.	84¼	500 Harlem	12
4,000 Illin. Cen. R. 1st M.	84¼	200 Reading	48¼
2,000 do.	84¼	100 do.	48¼
2,000 do.	84¼	100 do.	48¼
17,000 do.	84¼	200 Clev. & Pitts	91
2,000 do.	84¼	200 Chic. & N. W.	71
2,000 Tol. & W. 2d	53	100 do.	71¼
5,000 C. & R. I. & P. 6s	87	100 Ch. & N. W. Pf.	80
1,000 Pitts., Ft. W. & C. 1st M.	95	100 do.	80
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BOOTH'S THEATRE.
23d-st., corner 6th-av.
HAMLET. Leading characters by Messrs. Edwin Booth, Walter Hamilton, Miss Blanche De Bar, and Miss Fanny Morant.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, near Prince-st.
THE DUKE'S MOTTO. Leading characters by Mr. Fechter, Mr. Stoswell, Miss Le Clercq and M. Jonas.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
OURS. Leading characters by Mr. Lester Wallack, Mr. Gilbert, Miss Kate Germon and Miss Mestayer.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.
8th-av., corner 23d-st.
JOCKISER, THE JUGGLER, &c. Leading character by Mr. George L. Boniface.

FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE.
24th-st. near Broadway.
SURF. Leading characters by Messrs. Geo. Clarke, Davidge, Miss Fanny Davenport and Mrs. Gilbert.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, near Bleecker-st.
PAUL PRY and JACQUES STROP. Leading characters by Mr. Geo. L. Fox.

BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
Montague-st., near Court-st.
DER FREISCHUETZ, (German opera.) By the Brooklyn Aion Vocal Society and the New-York Sing Academy.

THEATRE FRANCAIS.
14th-st., near 6th-av.
LA GRANDE DUCHESSE DE GEROLSTEIN. Leading characters by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Paul.

BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, near Canal-st.
BUCK, BUCK,—HOW MANY HORNS, (Pantomime.)

WOOD'S MUSEUM AND MENAGERIE.
Broadway near Broome-st.
Afternoon—WILLIAM TELL. Evening—IXION. Large collection of curiosities.

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14th-st., between 3d and 4th-avs.
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No. 585 Broadway.
NEGRO MINSTRELSY. Birch, Wambold, Bernard, Backus, &c.

APOLLO HALL.
23d-st., near Broadway.
EXHIBITION OF A PANORAMA OF IRELAND.

LYRIC HALL.
6th-av., near 42d-st.
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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

An exciting debate took place yesterday afternoon in the French Senate, on the question of renewing the Anglo-French commercial treaty, which expires in February. M. THIERS denounced the Ministry, and called on the majority to overthrow them.... The subject of an international coinage was discussed on Wednesday in the French Senate. A gold coin of the value of twenty-five francs was urged as the universal standard.... The Duc DE BROGLIE, a member of the Orleanist family, died in Paris on Wednesday, at the age of 65 years.... The troops sent to La Creusot are returning, quiet having been established. Englishmen are accused of inciting the workmen to strike.... The reported death of the Pope is denied in a dispatch from Rome. Colonel D'ARGY, Commander of the Antibes Legion, died in Rome on Wednesday.... A London dispatch says that Erie shares held there have in a large measure been stamped by the "Shareholders' Protective Union," and a representative is to leave for New-York soon to vote on the stamped shares in the interest of the holders.... The latest classification of the newly-elected members of the Spanish Cortes, as far as the returns go, is: Progressists, 19; Republicans, 4; Unionists, 3; Absolutists, 1.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday a number of petitions were presented, among them one from the trustees of the New-York Seamen's Friend and Retreat, asking Congressional action in regard to sick and disabled seamen arriving at this port. The House joint resolution to prevent the giving or receiving of official presents was passed. Action on the question of the seizure of whisky in San Francisco, after some debate, was indefinitely postponed. The bill making Omaha a port of delivery was passed. The credentials of the Senators elect from Virginia were read, and one of them, Mr. LEWIS, appeared, and took the oath of office, after which the currency discussion was resumed, and continued for the remainder of the session. At 4:12 P. M. the Senate adjourned.

In the House, among the bills introduced was one requiring national banks going into liquidation to deposit lawful money in place of their circulating notes, and to take up their bonds. Several bills were reported from Committees and recommitted. A number of resolutions were offered: one asking why, notwithstanding the Supreme Court decision, Harbor Master, Health and State Hospital fees were allowed to be collected at the New-York Custom House. Several members of the Virginia delegation were sworn in and took their seats. Mr. WOOD objected to the oath being administered to Mr. FOSTER, on the ground of disloyalty; and thereupon a long discussion, entirely of a partisan character, followed, which resulted in nothing, Mr. FOSTER being allowed to take his seat. Mr. WASHBURNE reported a bill for the total abolition of the franking privilege, to take effect July 1. The bill was immediately put upon its passage, and after an hour's debate passed by a vote of 134 to 14. The Appropriation bills were taken up, and Mr. DAWES made a long speech in reply to that of General BUTLER, delivered the day before.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate, yesterday, a bill to incorporate the City of Yonkers was reported; also the Clerk's Additional Compensation bill and the Canal General Appropriation bill. The bill relating to the Wyoming County Surrogate and amending the act of incorporation of Potsdam village were passed. The bills amending the Charitable Societies act and providing for the additional compensation of clerks were ordered to a third reading. Among the bills introduced were a Farmingdale Avenue Railroad bill, and a bill to ascertain the amount of money illegally collected by the Health Commissioners and to provide for "refunding" the same. In the course of debate on the resolution of inquiry as to the authority for the extra charge in sleeping and drawing-room cars, it was asserted that the practice was adopted to evade the law fixing railroad fares, and that the money thus obtained was divided among "rings" among the directors. The resolution was adopted.

In the Assembly the following were among the bills reported: To amend the act providing for the Government of New-York City; to compel gas companies to report annually to the Comptroller; to extend the time for collecting taxes; to provide for paying the debt of Queens County, and relative to inspectors and canvassers of election in Kings County. Bills to better prevent cattle disease and cruelty to animals; repealing the Railroad Consolidation act; regulating the sale of leaf tobacco; to protect beer sellers in New-York, and to suppress intemperance and regulate the sale of liquors, except in incorporated cities, were among those introduced.

GENERAL.

The official oath was administered yesterday, in Washington, to JOHN F. LEWIS as United States Senator from the State of Virginia, and he took his seat.

A report has just been made to the State Department by the American Consul at Hamilton, Canada, on the condition and treatment of the Indians by the Canadian authorities, from which it appears that the reservation system has been successful there, and that the savages are rapidly progressing in civilization.

The thirty-sixth anniversary of the National Anti-Slavery Society was held in Boston on Wednesday night, when social congratulation and an address from WENDELL PHILLIPS were the features.

The Commissioner of Agriculture gives notice to applicants, that the appropriations will not permit a general distribution of seeds, plants, &c., and that these will henceforth be distributed through agricultural societies, farmers' clubs and the correspondents of the office.

The President has approved the proceedings of the Court Martial at Fort Leavenworth in the case of Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel BLOODGOOD, for a violent assault on a Lieutenant of Cavalry, and dismissed the offender from the service.

A recent meeting to organize a Vigilance Committee in Chicago was turned into ridicule by those who responded to the call.

The Maine State Temperance Convention met yesterday at Lewiston, and will continue in session to-day. The speeches were mainly devoted to the discussion of the relations of the Republican Party to the temperance cause in Maine.

THEODORE NICKLOS pleaded guilty to the charge of murder, for killing Dr. ANDREW MEAD, in Cattaraugus County, a few weeks ago, but his plea was refused and counsel was assigned for his defence.

LOCAL.

The case of HOAR vs. HOAR, which is an action by the wife for separation on the ground of inhuman treatment by her husband, was before the Supreme Court Chambers yesterday, on a motion made by the wife for alimony, counsel fees and the possession of her children during the pendency of the suit. The decision was reserved.

Ex-Judge EDMOND L. HEARNE, late of the Marine Court, died yesterday, after several months' illness. The General Term of the Marine Court being in session, a suitable tribute of respect was paid to his memory, and the Court adjourned to Thursday next.

The New-York Wesleyan University Club held its second annual reunion at the Astor House last evening, a distinguished company of ladies and gentlemen being present on the occasion.

An extensive fire occurred last night, by which the buildings Nos. 188, 190, 192 and 194 West Twenty-seventh-street were destroyed, and a loss entailed of $60,000.

Captain WHILEN, of the steamship *Allemania*, at this port yesterday, will accept our thanks for late continental papers.

The Coroner's inquest on the body of JOHN BOHNER, the man who was killed a week ago by the falling of some houses in Division-avenue, Williamsburg, was continued last evening. The following named witnesses were examined: A. V. CANNON, H. G. LAW and JOHN BRANNAN. No new facts were elicited from their testimony, and the inquest was again adjourned.

The trial of Colonel BRUCE on a charge of having published a libel against Mr. WILKES, terminated yesterday in a verdict for the defendant.

Save the Tariff "Protects" the Woolen Interest.

We have recently presented the facts in regard to the deplorable condition of some of our large industrial branches, such as the boot and shoe manufacture, the woolen interest, and others. We had expected from the *Tribune*, as the organ of high taxation, some defence of the unequal taxation on these great industries.

The country is groaning under the inequality or weight of these burdens, but thus far no word of excuse or explanation from the high Tariff organs has been presented to show why Congress should nearly destroy these important trades by absurd taxation. Now, however, a voice comes forth from the very parties who are so vigorously "protected"—the manufacturers themselves—to disclaim in the name of all that is reasonable, any more of such wolf-like "protection," and this complaint the *Tribune* is obliged to listen to. One, whom that journal describes as widely known, as "a veteran, eminent and successful manufacturer," Mr. HARRIS, of Rhode Island, writes to our contemporary that his business—woolen manufacture—is suffering terribly from "over protection," and he then proceeds to explain his difficulties precisely as we had set them forth, in regard to the whole woolen interest, the day previously in the TIMES.

The simple facts being that we grow very little fine wools in the United States; that fine nap goods cannot be made here without an admixture of fine foreign wools, and in consequence Mr. HARRIS or any other manufacturer must either confine himself to coarse woolens, or if he manufacture fine goods, must import fine wools at a duty of some 100 per cent. But fine woolen goods, manufactured abroad, already pay only fifty per cent. duty; so that, in the epigrammatic words of Mr. HARRIS, he is, under this tariff, "fifty per cent. worse off than under free trade." Moreover, as he correctly states the case, the fine wools which are excluded from this country by the tariff, enter into manufactures abroad, and make them still cheaper, and still more able to compete with our own.

The duty acts, too, as a bounty on smuggling, and, as any New-England manufacturer knows, quantities of fine foreign wools are now carried in bond over this country to Canada, where they are manufactured and undoubtedly come back here as smuggled goods. The result is, as this manufacturer states, that the whole business is depressed, and the imports of foreign woolens have increased two millions the past year, while our exports are down to a paltry one hundred and sixty-nine thousand dollars, against one hundred and thirty-nine millions from England during the same period.

The consolation which the *Tribune* administers to the suffering friend in net of an uninviting order, and though designed to be practical, is, we are emboldened to say, not entirely based on facts. Thus, Mr. HARRIS is really told that he cannot get protection exactly as he likes it for his own factory. He has it at the rate of fifty per cent. on woolen goods; he must not complain if the farmers demand it at 100 per cent. on fine wools. "The duty," says the *Tribune*, "benefits the American wool grower, and incites him to rear more sheep and produce more wool than if it were taken off. And you may talk till you are blind, without convincing the farmers that the fact is otherwise." "We have more sheep and grow more wool now than we ever did before, and this we rejoice in." Now, Mr. HARRIS, if he has the opportunity, will undoubtedly say that as a patriotic citizen he might rejoice, if the depression of his own business promoted the welfare of such a large class of agriculturists as the wool growers; but he is compelled to call the *Tribune's* attention to certain stern facts in the statistics of wool growing. The average price of wool the past year was almost the lowest ever reached, being about 43 cents, currency, per pound for medium wools. From 1857 to 1860, it was 48½ cents, gold, or about one-third higher. In 1863, the average price of Ohio wools was 89½ cents, gold. This certainly does not look like "protecting" the wool-growing interest. If a tariff of 160 per cent. accomplishes this, and almost ruins the wool-grower, what will the additional taxation, which the *Tribune* will doubtless urge as a remedy, do towards the same end?

Mr. HARRIS will probably also call the *Tribune's* attention to an interesting document issued by the Department of Agriculture, the parts for March and April, 1869. Some seven pages are devoted in this publication to the condition of sheep industry in 171 counties of 31 different States. We have space for but few extracts, but they are of the cheering character indicated by the following: Genesee County, New-York, "decrease of sheep eighty per cent.;" Onondaga County, "one fourth sold;" Butler County, Pennsylvania, "one-third sold;" Ohio County, Western Virginia, "forty per cent.;" Penniscot County, Missouri, "forty per cent. sold;" Dubuque County, Minnesota, "fifty per cent. slaughtered;" and similar accounts from other States, so that the Commissioner of Agriculture estimates the decrease of sheep, during 1868, at four millions, and other authorities put it higher. So much for our "having more sheep and growing more wool than ever before," which the *Tribune* "rejoices in." We suspect the Western sheep farmers do not share in this hilarity. The connection between the high tariff and the low price of wool is clear, and if the *Tribune* desires information on it, it can readily obtain it among the manufacturers of New-England.

The New Insurance Superintendent—What he Should Be.

Pending the appointment of a new Superintendent of the Insurance Department, we may be allowed to call attention to some considerations by which the selection of so important an office should be guided. The high-class companies would undoubtedly have preferred the retention of Mr. HARNEY, who enjoys their confidence and that of the public. Failing this, they have the right to ask that the new incumbent, whoever he may be, shall be well fitted for the office, in respect to many requirements. He must of course possess the highest character for strict honor, and be known to be far removed from any personal affiliations, which could in any degree embarrass the faithful performance of his duties.

But he should be something more than this. The recent discussions upon life insurance have developed the fact that there are errors of management, and of calculation, even, which need correction. Some of these proceed from ignorance of the science of insurance, some from willful carelessness, and yet more from thoroughly unscrupulous methods of swelling the annual volume of business. It is found, moreover, that the public takes a much stronger interest in the subject than was supposed, and calls with increasing earnestness for accurate knowledge upon it. The coming Superintendent must be prepared to make necessary investigations, and to supply their results. To do this, he must be an expert from the start. And what does that name imply, or rather, in regard to insurance, what does it not imply? It is nothing to say that a candidate is a good lawyer or man of business generally. There should be, in addition to these, knowledge and ability of a special character. A full and practical acquaintance with the theories upon which insurance is based is indispensable. The science of risks and their requirements; the power to see through the tables of premiums, and what they cover, not only with reference to the present but the distant future; large and well-digested information as to mortality expectations and the laws by which they are affected; the preparation of clear and distinct reports—all these come within the scope of the Department when properly administered. To detect what is inherently, or accidentally, or purposely bad in the affairs of a company, and to discover weaknesses where such exists, are precisely what is required, and what is expected.

There are few public officers of whom it can be said that they are the guardian of family fortunes, and the protector of the widow and orphan. Of these few the Superintendent of the Insurance Department is one. It is to him that we look for the prevention of mistakes or the continuance of frauds by which a peculiarly helpless class may be injured. The whole safety and success of an institution of a purely provident and beneficent nature, depend upon the manner in which it is administered. The Highest order of companies are willing, nay anxious, that this should be instituted, for they gain by the process. Those who would shun inquiry, would have an incompetent officer in the Department, for in that lies their immunity. For these latter there is necessary a display of official nerve and determination. The amount of business done by insurance companies, presents an immense and increasing aggregate. The public is growing more and more critical in respect to it. And the selection of a Superintendent for political reasons, or of any gentleman who is not specially and in all respects qualified for the work, will be inexcusable.

The Sound Steamers.

The bill introduced into the State Senate by Mr. TWEEDY, prohibiting certain steamers plying on Long Island Sound from running through the East River farther than Corlears Hook, is an answer to a demand long felt by our citizens. We say nothing of the question touching the constitutionality of the proposed law. We refer rather to the desirability of the proposed measure—its convenience not only to the traveling public but to the City and the local craft that habitually ply in its waters.

It will be observed that the bill is limited in its application to steamers of the largest size, plying on Long Island Sound. Hence it is clear that no sailing vessels are to be interfered with, as tugs and no ordinary steamers. The measure is aimed at the great Sound steamers of the various lines connecting with railroads that run East. And the provision amounts to prohibiting these steamers from landing at any pier or dock on the North River, or any on the East River below Tenth-street. The time named for the bill to go into operation is the 1st of May, the usual renting time for property in this City.

While this measure is in some repects an arbitrary one, and a direct interference with private property, we believe that the event would justify it, and would commend it to the steamboat companies as well as the public. The North River is the most irrational of stations for a steamer plying on the East River. Why the Boston boats should every morning perform the long journey down the East River, turn the Battery, and proceed up the North River again as far as Chambers or Canal-street, to discharge their passengers and freight, and then every evening proceed on the same roundabout course to enter the Sound, is past comprehension. This extra route involves a loss of something like half an hour every day of the year; it is a loss just at the time often, when passengers are most hurried, namely, in reaching the boat at night or leaving it in the morning. Whenever a fog or storm has delayed the boat, this time lost is specially vexatious, and the needless voyage is specially condemned. The annoyance, however, is trifling compared with the delays and damage caused to shipping on both rivers. These great boats, moving swiftly, scatter the smaller craft. They make their tour round the Battery in the most crowded parts of the two rivers, and so interfere with everything in their course. The present bill, in fact, is styled one for better securing life on the North and East Rivers, and obviating dangers to shipping. The ferries are especially annoyed by these boats swinging on their course. Their times of starting being all about the same, they practically control the river while they pass. Now, at this time in the evening all the numerous ferry boats are most crowded, in most danger from collision, and most troubled by delay. And this is especially true as the river narrows near the Navy Yard.

Of course, it is just to make the restriction of wharfage not needlessly small. But at least there is plenty of water front on the East River, and the higher up the piers for the Sound steamers, the better it will be for all. When this has been accomplished, we believe other similar improvements can be suggested.

Prospects of the French Ministry.

Day by day the impression grows stronger that the Ministry of M. OLLIVIER is after all but a provisional arrangement—a sort of connecting link between the Imperialism that is dying, and the Republicanism that is being matured. The new Cabinet had three leading questions to resolve: first, its attitude towards the Papal syllabus; second, its policy with reference to the commercial treaties; and third, as to maintenance or dissolution of the present Chamber. One element of compensation about the Bonaparte affair is the opportunity it afforded the Minister of Justice of showing the capacity of the new Executive to mete out even-handed justice alike to Prince and people. Nothing succeeds in France like timely and well-directed vigor; and no impartial observer can fail to accord to M. OLLIVIER and his colleagues the credit of having extricated themselves with no little success from a highly critical situation. The danger is, to be sure, not entirely over yet, but in Paris the first step is always the main thing, and the prestige of success is the very essence of power. While no exception can be taken to the executive policy of the Ollivier Ministry, its first treatment of the problems of administration is but little calculated to win general confidence.

Of the three leading questions we have referred to, the first has not yet been fairly grappled with; the second, after evoking a latent division of sentiment, has been converted into an ordinary subject of debate; while the last and most important of all has been tacitly shelved. Should this state of uncertain counsels continue, France will only have exchanged one form of personal government for another. The single will of the Emperor will have given place to the divided volitions of the chiefs of departments. The Ministry will appeal, just as the Emperor used to do, to its success in maintaining public order as the sole defence of its existence, and will like him quietly succumb to the next wave of opposition that is strong enough to imperil it. The divided opinions of the new Ministers on commercial questions is sufficiently notorious. M. OLLIVIER leans very decidedly towards free trade, while the majority of his colleagues are as decidedly in favor of protection. The latter faith is closely associated with Orleanism, and at least five out of the ten composing the new Cabinet are Orleanists.

While irresolution on the question of the commercial treaties might probably not be fatal to the Ollivier Ministry, an undecided policy with reference to an appeal to the country probably will. It is useless to contend, as they have already done, that the present Chamber is a faithful representation of the popular sentiment. With regard to the 10,000,000 inhabitants of towns it may be so; with regard to the 24,000,000 of rural population it is merely the creation of the officials of the Empire. Parties have been reconstituted,—so must be the assembly that claims to represent them. In the words of the Siècle: "In the Chamber and in the country, there is but one Right and one Left; the first formed of all the old monarchical parties, and representing their interests, the second defending the principles of free Democracy as they exist in the United States." With one or other the Ollivier Ministry must identify itself, so that with one or other it may stand or fall.

Doctors Disagree—Medical Ethics.

When doctors disagree, who shall decide? That is the question which seems to puzzle the Prize of Albany just now, and a harder nut to crack they do not often find. We all know that when doctors disagree with other people they do not spare sharp words, as witness the line-and-staff discussion. What is it, then, when they disagree among themselves? Let old schools and new schools, homeopathists, allopathists and eclectics answer.

The Albany County Medical Society lately held a meeting at the Hospital in that city, and a dispute arose concerning the Albany Medical College. According to the *Evening Journal*, the physicians of that city "are unhappily divided into two factions." Moreover, members of the profession who were invited in as peacemakers "eventually became partisans," as, unfortunately, is too apt to be the case, "and now all is discord throughout." Even "the Faculty of the Medical College and the managers of the Hospital are each divided among themselves." The Press, sacrificing, as one of its members says, the spirit of enterprise to its interest in the property of these institutions, as a well-regulated Press should, abstained for a long time from the contest. But, at last, "articles were published in the *Express* and *Argus* which brought the matter to a decisive head." These articles praised certain members of the College Faculty, and thereupon "intense excitement prevailed."

The sum and substance of the matter seem to be that it was thought by one party that all the proceedings thus far were right, and by the other that the publication of such complimentary notices was "in violation of medical ethics." Resolutions to the latter effect were offered, amended, and then formed the bone of contention. Now, what "medical ethics" are in this matter we shall leave experts to discuss; but we do not suppose that either party conceived their livelliest illustration to have been presented in the subsequent discussion of these resolutions. The Chairman of the meeting is commended for "keeping the belligerents as closely to the question as they could be confined under the circumstances;" but since the days of Dr. Ollapod the medical and militant spirit were never more intimately conjoined than in one or two of these "belligerents."

Of course, the resolutions were first offered; then they were amended; then a committee was appointed under them; then a motion for censure or exclusion of the resolutions from the minutes came up; and so on. One speaker, in urging harmony of action, remarked that "even Moses, when he fought with the devils in Heaven, brought no railing accusation against them," which happy Scriptural allusion was received with rounds of applause. Finally, the confused matter resolved itself into a report, affixing upon two members of the Faculty the commendatory notices; and we may remark, without offence, that "internal evidence" seems to have been the clue which led to the discovery. At this stage of the proceedings, the doctors, with that proverbial good sense which distinguishes their profession, adjourned to an oyster supper.

People versed in the mysteries of oyster supper "and accompaniments" will not be surprised to learn that a milder sentiment animated most breasts on the resumption of the dispute. One gentleman conceived that the whole matter was "a tempest in a teapot, and of no particular consequence." A second "did not regard the article as puffing." A third, however, charged the Committee with "buttonholing editors, and jumping over the bars which are usually supposed to surround communications to the Press"—very serious charges, we take it, unless explained, as they were, by the fourth gentleman, soon after. A fifth speaker seemed to consider that he had been an offender, if offence there was, in the same wise, and "hoped a committee would be appointed upon him." And, in fine, the report was adopted, 28 to 18. Then the question came, Was adopting the report a "mere expression of the truth of the findings," or was it a "vote of censure?" This the Chair declined to decide, and accordingly the meeting adjourned. We hope that all the discord which the Albany papers speak of as prevailing will be settled as promptly, and in the absence of other prescriptions for the distemper, we would suggest a repetition of the specific already so successfully tried, an amicable oyster supper.

The bold, manly stand taken by Mr. DAWES in behalf of retrenchment and economy in every Department of the Government will not be weakened by his speech of yesterday. It is frank in the acknowledgment of what, after all, were minor errors, and consistent, clear and effective in the enforcement of the cardinal features of his first great argument. The attempts of a few journalists, and of politicians who are fairly represented by General BUTLER, to associate a man with Mr. DAWES' character and record, betrayed he dares to evidence dispassionate endeavor and to demand for the people the relief which reduced expenditures and reduced taxation alone can give, is an indecency as it is impolitic. The country heartily sustains Mr. DAWES, and wishes that more were like him in both Houses.

The Senate at Albany having confirmed most of Governor HOFFMAN'S appointments, it may be assumed that the "Innominables," and of Mr. TWEED, have given way. A little more than a week has a day or two, but everybody foresaw that it would not last. If this or that "Opinion" could not get all that he wanted at the moment, he would soon contrive to take part. Mr. TWEED could scarcely have made it "pay" to thwart the Governor at every move. There is now peace among the leaders of the "honest" party. We shall wait patiently for them to get to work—without any great expectations, but quite willing to be proved mistaken in our calculations.

We are bidden to expect a bill from the Legislature designed, strange to say, to promote the comfort and convenience of the public. The public is so little accustomed to receive attentions of this sort, that we shall believe in the said act when it is passed, and not before. Its aim, according to rumor, is to compel street-car proprietors to provide a seat for every passenger, and to absolutely prohibit the overloading of cars. Conductors will not be allowed to huddle their passengers together, like pigs going to market. Although the shareholders in certain lines might not at first like the change, we are satisfied they would be no losers by it in the end. The certainty of finding decent accommodation in street cars would cause them to be used by thousands who now make a point of avoiding them whenever they can.

The number of accidents arising from furious driving in the public streets is constantly on the increase. It must be remembered that only a small proportion of the cases which occur get into the newspapers, for the majority of victims are taken home and there tended. The "fast trotter" is as much out of place in the streets of a city as a steam engine, and if the City Government were worth its salt it would cause all drivers who exceed a fair and reasonable pace to be arrested. It is no satisfaction to know that the drivers themselves sometimes "come to grief." As a general rule they, unfortunately, escape, and the sufferers are children and women, upon whom the "light wagon" and "fast team" suddenly bursts, without giving them a moment's time to get out of the way. The subject is not unworthy the attention of a Democratic Legislature eager to carry out all kinds of reforms.

So it seems that Mr. BENCH is not to be abolished. Some Democratic dog fancier and cock fighter made the announcement, but the "wish was father to the thought." It is only intended to render the employer of any person found violating the law for the protection of dumb animals liable to all the penalties of the offence—a perfectly proper arrangement. Mr. BENCH will doubtless persevere with his work—and we do trust he will arrest a few more drivers for unmercifully beating their horses. He may find dozens of such cowardly brutes any morning in a walk down Broadway. If people who own private carriages were to see the way their coachmen treat their horses half the time, they would be voluntarily disposed to invite the interference of Mr. BENCH. As it is, we are not without hope of seeing Mr. BENCH with a large force of trusty assistants under his command, and the Police cooperating heartily with him.

A new form of excitement is to be provided for people who go out after dark—which probably means four-fifths of the adult population. The garroters have set to work again. Within the past few days we have reported four or five cases, not reckoning one which proved to be a false alarm. The most recent victim was a gentleman who was on his way home at a quarter past eleven at night, and fell into the hands of three garroters, at the corner of Eleventh-street and Fifth-avenue. Sad to relate, that melancholy and dreary avenue is more infested with sturdy beggars and all sorts of ruffians by night than almost any other thoroughfare in the City. The street has been handed over to thieves of all kinds. Pride has had a terrible fall. Perhaps, however, the Police might do a little for the unfortunate inhabitants who cannot cross the road without slipping into a deep morass, nor walk on the pathway without running considerable risk of being robbed. The licensed plunderers connected with the City must be allowed to have a little more rope before they bring themselves to an end.

The fraud concerning which a correspondent wrote to us yesterday, is far more common than is generally supposed. The maker of some quack pill or preparation deliberately forges the names of private persons to his fictitious testimonials. All certificates of the kind should be received with the greatest suspicion. It does not take long to write a testimonial setting forth that some well-known man has been cured of a wooden leg by two or three applications of a liniment, or a single box of pills. There was once a poor nobleman in England who sold his name to the proprietor of a quack pill, and who, consequently, stood sponsor for that particular pill in all the papers of the United Kingdom. In the course of a few years he was represented to have taken pills enough to sink a ship. This, however, was done by virtue of a fair bargain—the majority of printed testimonials are simply impudent fabrications. People rarely take the trouble to make any inquiries about them, but are ever ready to believe the noisy quack. They have only themselves to blame when they fall victims to impostors.

The milk distilleries are getting as little mercy as the malt distilleries; and these local interferences with what is contraband and unwholesome must result very favorably for the general public, both adults and children. As regards the milk manufacturers, the Board of Health has ordered suits against a number of them belonging to Williamsburg, from which all concerned will come to perceive that the production of milk is a thing that really belongs to the open places and pastures of the country. The Board of Health is making good headway against all the dirty and poisonous traditions of our busy Metropolis, and we do not despair of seeing it yet as well ordered and clean a City as any other in the world. Rome was not cleaned in a day,—nor the Augean Stable either.

The *Tribune* boasts of a quality which no one else has ever yet been able to detect in it—namely, the tendency to give fair play to everybody. It is a common infirmity of humanity to suppose that we possess the very virtues which have been altogether omitted from our composition. If the *Tribune* has won a name for any particular art in controversy, it is the art of dealing foul blows, and of pursuing with detraction any one against whom it conceives one of its hoodwinking and unreasoning prejudices. Its special boast now is that it published Mr. KELLEY'S speech in answer to Mr. WELLS. Seeing that Mr. KELLEY is, on this particular subject, a rather loud echo of the *Tribune*, we cannot acknowledge that it has exhibited a celestial degree of magnanimity. The fact which tells against it is that it has not dared to publish more than two or three lines of Mr. WELLS' report—perhaps the most striking testimony that could possibly have been given to the unanswerable character of most of the statements in that report. No Democrat could compliment Mr. WELLS as highly as the *Tribune* has done, while at the same time it merely intended to be spiteful.

The South American Republics are doing their best to keep up with the general march of things. The Argentine and Chili have agreed on a mutual system of free trade, and Peru has undertaken works as magnificent in their way as our own Pacific thoroughfare. These Peruvians were once mighty roadmakers, like the Romans; and they are resolved, under President BALTA, to maintain their old renown in the construction of two grand railway lines. One of these will run from Lima through the passes of the Cordillera to the head waters of the Amazon—a feat that will enable Peru to touch the Atlantic as well as the Pacific; and the other will lead from Arequipa to the lofty mountain lake of Titicaca. The expense of all this work will be magnificent in proportion—sixty millions or so to begin with—and an American, Mr. MEIGGS, is, we perceive, to be the architect-in-chief.

More cock fighting! Some of our worthy contemporaries were in rapture yesterday over a couple of "mains" which had been fought somewhere in New-Jersey and Westchester County. The poor birds which were brought out to make sport for a horde of yelling ruffians were carried away in all stages of agony. The *Herald*, which gives graphic reports of these disgusting scenes, tells us with great relish that in one match the "birds were both blinded and cut to pieces." Another "fine cock got a chance blow on the brain, which killed him instantly." But if the public wishes to see what a journalist can do when he is put to his mettle, let it look at this beautiful description of a fight: "It was a rattling, flap for flap fight, and Jersey was getting the best of it, when he got his throat cut, and received a brain blow which used him up very quickly, the mud winning in style." We must leave outside observers to decide whether it is much worse to be one of the ringleaders at this abominable "sport" than to encourage it by devoting column after column of a daily newspaper to its loathsome details.

AMUSEMENTS.

Mr. Fechter in "The Duke's Motto."

After playing *Ruy Blas* for twelve nights, Mr. FECHTER chose for his second character in America that of *Lagardère*, in "The Duke's Motto," and the play was accordingly produced at Niblo's Garden on Wednesday evening. The house was crowded to discomfort. Mr. FECHTER was four times called before the curtain with acclamations, and, as a popular success, the occasion without doubt surpassed that of this great artist's first appearance. During the prologue and the first act we must in candor admit that this did not seem likely to be the case. Mr. FECHTER seemed hoarse in his opening scenes, and, to our eyes, a little nervous and hurried in consequence. Those spectators, if there were any such, who saw the introductory parts of the play but failed to see the third and fourth acts, could hardly deem possible the disparity in the effectiveness—at least as regards subtlety and witchery over his audience—of Mr. FECHTER'S *Lagardère* in the first and last portions of the performance. "The Duke's Motto" is, like "Ruy Blas," a melodrama, and, as we shall show, in some respects a worse melodrama. It has, however, as will also be pointed out, much subtler opportunities for pageantry, glitter and color. The time of the Regency, in France, with its dashing, profligate manners, its numerous beauties and ruffling duellists, its brilliant costume, its love-making, intriguing, gaming and fighting, is the time of times for romantic drama. And more than that older epoch of FAUSTINA does it remind us—in truth the last scene is the exact picture—of an arena

"Ringed round with a flame of fair faces
And splendid with swords."

Adapted for Mr. FECHTER from the French of PAUL FEVAL by Mr. JOHN BROUGHAM, and first produced at the Lyceum, London, in January, 1869, "The Duke's Motto" may be described as a gorgeous panorama of inexplicable deeds and incredible consequences, the scene of which lies chiefly at the Court of the Regent ORLEANS, and the main object of which is to set forth the astonishing adventures of the *Chevalier Henri de Lagardère*. This gentleman, at first a graceless, roystering adventurer, becomes a sort of implacable Avenger, who pursues the assassins of the *Duke de Nevers*—who is slaughtered in full view of the audience in the prologue, so that there may no mistake about it—until each and every one of them has fallen by his hand. As an incident of this desperate history, *Lagardère* falls in love with *Blanche*, the daughter of *Nevers*, whose life the *Chevalier* saved as an infant, and whom he ever after, in pursuance of a solemn oath to her father, protected and cherished. At the beginning of the play the *Chevalier*, or, as he is more frequently styled, the *Captain*, has a duel on his hands with *Nevers*. Hearing, however, that the latter is to be set upon by bravos, the impulsive hero resolves to defend rather than attack him. This he does with great but unsuccessful bravery, since, after the two have killed the whole body of visible assassins, a concealed one—who is no other than the infamous *Prince de Gonzague*, instigator of the plot and prime villain of the whole drama—shoots and kills the hapless *Nevers*. In the face of dreadful odds, and by a gymnastic feat whereby Mr. FECHTER has gained the heart of the galleries forever, the beast *Captain* makes his escape with the infant, leaving her murdered sire and five of his assailants lying stark in the moonlight amid their baffled companions. This constitutes the prologue. The main action of the play occurs in the three following acts.

Twenty years having rolled away, the curtain rises, for the first act of the play proper, on a precipitous mountain gorge, supposed to be on the Spanish frontier. Here a band of *gypsies* have pitched their tents, and with them *Lagardère* and *Blanche*, now grown to womanhood—exactly in the manner of *Thaddeus* and *Arline* in the "Bohemian Girl"—have found refuge. The Zingari have, as usual, a Queen, and her name is *Sylva*. A charmingly picturesque scene opens the act, which is enlivened by a really characteristic dance and much effective costume, Mr. FECHTER, in particular, presenting a figure quite worthy the pencil of a MURILLO. Presently the active *Gonzague*, with his suite, make their appearance. This wicked Prince, the secret murderer, although the cousin of *Nevers*, has taken occasion to marry his widow; but the vast estates which he covets are in abeyance until the life or death of the missing *Blanche* can be certified. This is the kings of all his subsequent scheme. The Prince, learning that *Sylva*, the Gipsy Queen, is a foundling—and falling to stumble on *Blanche*—resolves to pass off *Sylva* for *Blanche*, and arranges matters in his own fashion to that effect with the "Patriarch" of the Tribe, an uncomeatably manageable vagabond called *Lorenzo*. *Gonzague* prepares to start for Paris with his prize. Among his train is one *Roop*, a hunchback, a famous swordsman and scoundrel, the depositary of the Prince's villanous secrets. In order to take his place, *Lagardère*—whose estimate of the value of him as life is in strict accord with the conventions of the period—fans a quarrel on *Roop*, kills him, assumes his character and costume—

to proceed from the palace. The upshot is that the *Princess* declines to marry Polich as her "first last daughter," and the wedding on of the royal family is removed for the Emperor's bath. Some days having impaired her mental to Blanche, leaves her and her corroborators, under the care of *Carrick/ergus*, as Blanche—to hide her in Lagnière, being an outlaw—and proceeds to Eugenie's palace, where with difficulty he gains admission. Unhappily, in the meantime, the agents of the *Prince* have contrived to abduct Blanche and her papers; so that at the critical moment, at the ball, when *Lagnière* expects her to arrive with her guardian to confirm the story he has told the *Regent*, *Carrick/ergus* gives him the sign agreed upon that all is lost. Thus the Captain at once forfeits his pledge to the *Prince*, and disappoints the *Regent*, and is sent to prison. *Gonsagues* sends a cowardly fellow to stab him, but *Lagnière* outwits the assassin, escapes, and resumes his old disguise as Jasp in the household of the Prince. From him he hears that *Blanche* is under the same roof, and proposes to *Gonsagues*, as a better scheme than her murder—which that amiable gentleman contemplates—that she should be married to him, the base-born hunchback, and then by a degrading alliance forfeit her rights, as provided, in the estates. The Prince assents, the victim is sent for, *Blanche* soon understands the ruse and agrees to the marriage, the whole device being adopted merely to gain time. The two sign the marriage contract and after *Lagnière* has signed he throws off his disguise and proclaims himself for what he is. His enemies are prevented from rushing upon and destroying him by the opportune arrival of the *Regent* and his Court. *Blanche* is restored to her mother, *Lagnière's* pledge is fulfilled, the *Prince* is denounced by the latter as the murderer of *Renee*, the *Regent* assents to the *duel à la mort*—which by the custom of the time settles such matters—and, amid the wild excitement of ladies, the cries of ladies, and the frenzied anguish of poor *Blanche*, the battle is fought out there and there. *Lagnière* kills the miscreant *Prince*, she whom he has adored from infancy sinks, fainting, into his arms, and, with the approval of the survivors on this tableau of happiness, the curtain falls. Mr. FECHTER's almost feline intensity is splendidly adapted to the portrayal of the remorseless resolution with which, pursuant to his oath, *Lagnière* hunts down his foes. For him there is no turning to the right or the left. He is implacable as destiny. For each successive triumph to the last, we easily see that his own life would be reckoned a cheap exchange were it not that something still left undone was wanting to the full consummation of his vow. But the catlike action, the swift, ferocious deadliness with which he springs on his foes, totally disappears in other scenes, and especially in those with *Blanche*, which are impassioned and tender in an exquisite degree. And here we are reminded of one of the great secrets of Mr. FECHTER's art—his supreme grace. The subordination of egotism that this constantly suggests is exceedingly captivating; for grace, as one of the most subtle of Frenchmen has well said, imitates modesty, as politeness imitates kindness. Yet even grace, delicious as is its charm, does not make the heart beat quicker or the soul confess the unmistakable if indescribable touch of genius. This is reserved for the passages of deepest feeling, and wisely, for the electrical force would be weakened were the connection constantly maintained. The burst of joy with which Mr. FECHTER greets the discovery of *Blanche's* love for him signalizes one of the occasions when the rapport is complete. We may say the same of his sharp cry, "Here, in this house!" when he learns from the *Prince* of *Blanche's* whereabouts but indeed the whole of the heading fierce dialogue that follows is almost as superlatively fine.

The simulation of the character of *Rosy* affords Mr. FECHTER opportunities lacking before for the display of the wonderful versatility that is in him. His forgetting, at times, under strong excitement, the part he is acting, his resting his chest, so to speak, against the vile *Prince*, his interlocutor, in paroxysms of fury, and then recovering his presence of mind, the swift resumption of the cringing servility and sardonic chuckle of the Hunchback—can hardly receive justice from description. The contrasts introduced by these outbursts are marvelous as studies of art, and they are made so not so much, perhaps, by effects of declamation—although these are often elaborate and striking—as by a physiognomical mobility that we have never seen surpassed. We have but to remember how purely mechanical most attempts at swiftly-changing expression on the stage are—how tardily the look follows the thought and betrays to you that it is *put on*, not spontaneous, not like near thunder that follows quicker than thought the glare of the lightning—to realize how precious this gift of facial mobility really is and how supreme is its importance as an element of histrionic success. As an acting play, for a general audience, "The Duke's Motto" is far more effective than "Ruy Blas." The story of the latter is simple, intelligible and possible. It is full of a tender pathos; there is always a background of regretful melancholy to the picture, that so noble a being should be thus piteously degraded by fate and consigned to the bloody end and subsequent oblivion he so little merits by mere freak, as it were, of outrageous fortune. The story of "The Duke's Motto" is complicated, obscure and improbable. A swashbuckler of a creature, who seems, up to the beginning of the action, to have had quite as much luck as he deserves, and whose notions respecting homicide ought not to awaken our sympathy, is touched by a moonlight glimpse of the sleeping, innocent face of a little child—his enemy's child—and we are given to understand that his heart melts from that hour. His sword thenceforth is devoted to honor. He will even deny himself the luxury of killing *Neuvs*. This is perhaps the most poetical, as it certainly is the most human incident of the composition; which is fortunate, since it is continually referred to as a keynote, the combinations, melodies, discords all remind us of it, and even, to follow out the metaphor, the code takes us back in imagination to the gloomy fosse at Cayluz, to *Lagnière's* oath, to the dying *Neuvs*, and as sanctions as poetical justice its sanguinary fulfillment.

It has been said both in England and here that to appreciate Mr. FECHTER his auditor must have seen a great deal of French acting. In a close critical sense—the sense of judging not for oneself only but for others—this is no doubt true. The most elaborate *mise* of PHILIPPE or DELMONICO is less inviting to a clown than a dinner of beans and greens. There are no doubt thousands in our streets to whom raw whisky of the red-eye sort is more alluring than the choicest Burgundy. The fact proves something which is obvious enough but which it would serve no good end to do more than hint at. We may admit that a man, however brilliant his natural abilities, cannot be an analyst of art, or of a school in art, when he knows nothing about it. Mr. FECHTER is destitute of those vocal and muscular exaggerations that have been too common on both the English stage and our own, and being so totally different in point of delicacy and finish and true naturalness to what many have been accustomed, it is not strange that exponents are found to assert, let us say, the superiority over foreign kickshaws of the well-known bacon and greens, and the indigenous whisky. It is only kind to be indulgent with those who hold such opinions; and nothing further need be said about them than chorus a cordial, and that what is intrinsically good either for the body or mind is sure at the day, in the United States, to find its proper level and to be valued at its true value.

We have only to add concerning "The Duke's Motto" that the place is much better placed upon the stage than was "Ruy Blas," and in this wise is more creditable to the management. Miss LA CLENCY's part is somewhat slighter than in the latter play, but is nicely and thoroughly studied, and in some instances—the agonized struggle down the staircase during the fight at the end is one of them—her performance rises to excellence. Mrs. MELINDA JONES, a lady once a favorite in New-York, made her first appearance in eight years as the *Duchess*, and was

received, and sent to jail for trial after May term of the Circuit Court. About 10 o'clock this evening about 200 horsemen rode into the town, took the prisoners from the jail, carried them a short distance and shot them. One of the negroes was not killed, but dropped and feigned to be dead; but upon attempting to escape he returned in search of food and was killed. The mob then rode off carrying with them the five dead bodies, which they buried. None of those who participated in the killing were masked.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

The Organization of Some Of the State Legislatures—Political Legislation in Various States.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 27.—In the Senate this morning, the President announced the following Joint Committees:

On Revision—Messrs. Gardner, Cutler, Cole.
On State Prisons—Messrs. Brinkerhoff, Bettle.
On Judicial Districts—Messrs. M. D. Taylor, Sexton.
On Public Buildings—Messrs. Bird, Adams.
On Fish and Game—Messrs. Moore, Bird, Hopkins.
On Fencing—Messrs. Bird, Bettle.
On Public Roads—Messrs. Cole, Adams.
On Public Schools—Messrs. Vanderveer, Wing, J. W. Taylor.
On Federal Relations—Messrs. Hopper, Bird, Little.
On Solicitor—Messrs. Stevens, Sayre, Dorey, Schenck.
On Railroads—Messrs. Wolverton, Hopkins, Cole.
On Bridges—Messrs. Wing, Miller, Cutler.
On Salaries—Messrs. Miller, Sayre, Hopkins.

The following nominations were sent to the Senate to-day by Governor RANDOLPH, and were immediately confirmed:

Judge of the Court of Errors and Appeals—John Clement, Commissioner of the Sinking Fund—Richard P. Freeman, Commissioner of Deeds—Robert Robeson, Commissioner of Bail—Richard S. Williamson, Third Judge of the Court of Errors—Benjamin Fenton.

AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 27.—The Committee on Railroads agreed this afternoon to report a general railroad act, by a vote of 7 to 3.

Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society—Thirty-Sixth Anniversary.

BOSTON, Jan. 27.—The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society was held in Horticultural Hall to-day, with JOHN T. SARGENT, President, in the chair. Resolutions were adopted rejoicing in the near prospect of the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment; stating that the votes in the position of the negro race needs land to make him independent, and also pecuniary aid; that in their opinion the nation owed this aid to the negro, and closing as follows:

Resolved, That we deem the precipitate admission of Southern States more than a great political error, a heedless betrayal of the nation, and a fatal wrong to the brave men who have given their lives, to the loyal masses who look to Congress for protection.

Colonel T. W. HIGGINSON deprecated giving aid to the freedmen, thinking it best to leave them to their own resources. He compared their condition to the Irish emigrant, who, he said, landed in New-York without a dollar, and in a year was controlling the destinies of the city.

Mr. WENDELL PHILLIPS, in speaking of the New-York *Tribune*, said he "would like to strip HORACE GREELEY and put him out upon the prairie and say to him, 'Root, hog, or die,' and leave him there to work out his own manhood on his favorite theory." He said what was wanted was no soldiers in the South but a man in Washington. "Place such a man as BEN BUTLER in the White House and the corn would come down." Senators TRUMBULL and ROSS were characterized by him as "half-baked lawyers and half-cooked statesmen, who tried to pick up the crumbs that fell at the feet of Senator SUMNER."

The meeting adjourned this evening.

Temperance in Maine—Meeting of the State Temperance Convention.

LEWISTON, Me., Jan. 27.—The State Temperance Convention assembled this afternoon. Hon. SIDNEY PERHAM, of Paris, was chosen permanent President, with one Vice-President from each county. Speeches were made by several gentlemen, including Hon. JOHN J. PERRY, of Oxford, who expressed his disapproval of Governor CHAMBERLAIN's course, and advocated the holding of the Republican Party to its pledge for prohibition and its enforcement. Attorney-General PEES, of Lewiston, favored sticking by the Republican Party, and took strong ground in favor of a State Police. He commented severely on Governor CHAMBERLAIN's declaration that the Liquor laws are as well executed as the laws against theft and murder. An evening session was held. The Convention will continue in session through to-morrow.

Miscellaneous Telegrams.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 27.—Colonel DIGBY, of the British army, was married this morning to Miss LILLIE, daughter of W. S. GROESBECK. The ceremony took place at Mr. GROESBECK's residence, Bishops ROSECRANS, Catholic, and McILVAINE, Protestant, officiating.

PITTSBURG, Penn., Jan. 27.—The annual Convention of the Grand Army of the Republic of the Department of Pennsylvania is in session in this city and largely attended. Major A. B. CALHOUN was elected Grand Commander; Captain G. S. WOOD, Senior Vice-Commander; CHARLES ALBRIGHT, Junior Vice-Commander. A banquet will be given by the Pittsburg Post.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Jan. 27.—Fire was discovered in the King Sing Prison stables yesterday, and before it could be subdued damage to the extent of $3,000 was done. The convicts aided in extinguishing the flames.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 27.—The National Hotel, on Race-street above Third, was damaged by fire this morning. Its occupants, MANN & CO., lose $6,500. The building is owned by C. G. ROBERTS, of New-York, whose loss is $1,500. The City Gas Works have reduced the price of gas to $2 50 per 1,000 feet.

ROCKLAND, Me., Jan. 27.—Four stores, in different parts of the city, were last night broken into, and groceries and other articles to a considerable amount stolen.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—A meeting called last night at the Tremont House to form a Vigilance Committee, was turned into a broad farce by those present.... MRS. HAROLD, of Danville, Davless County, Ill., recently became insane on religious matters, and on Tuesday morning attempted to cut her throat, but was prevented by one of her daughters. She made a second attempt, when another daughter, 18 years old, placed her hand over her mother's throat, and received a terrible gash. The mother then succeeded in cutting her throat from ear to ear, dying immediately.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Jan. 27.—One hundred and fifty workmen at the cutlery works of the J. Russell Manufacturing Company, at Greenfield, have struck on account of a reduction in wages.

The Mode and the Collection of the Income Tax.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The true way to lay the income tax is, to assess it upon all incomes, great and small. A tax of one-half of one per cent, collected in this manner would yield more than the present tax of five per cent. By the present plan nine-tenths of the income of the people of the United States escape taxation. Add up in one column all incomes over $1,000, and in another column all incomes without exception, and the difference is amazing.

Nobody would complain of a tax of one-half of one per cent. It would be a trifle for the laborer, and the rich would pay more than they now do, because they would have less motive to render false returns.

Lay this United States tax as State and county tax is laid, year by year. The State and county assessors do not say that a house worth $1,000 shall pay a tax, but that all buildings more than $1,000 shall be exempt; that a man worth $10,000 and over shall be taxed, but all property worth less shall go scot free. Universal suffrage and universal taxation should go together. The income tax favors no class. This is democratic.

It may be objected that there would be a great many taxes of small amount to be collected. So there are in State and town taxation; but did you ever hear of a tax gatherer who declared to you that it was a burden? This country with its heavy debt has got to learn the art of the Old World, viz., to lay a very trifling tax, so far as percentage is concerned, over a very wide space. We have buried the whole income tax upon the back of a small part of the people, and they feel it. Put it upon the back of all the people, and it would be cheerfully borne by all, because it would not be felt. Please to suggest this idea of a half per cent. tax upon all incomes, great and small.

AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

Thus Fraudulent Advertisement.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

We read in your columns this morning Mr. Charles Northoff's remarks on what is termed by him "A Fraudulent Advertisement," the advertisement in question reading as follows:

"Mr. Charles Northoff, editor of the New-York *Sunday Post*, says: 'My wife will have none but the "Astral Oil."'"

The facts of the case are:

1. On the 14th of September we received a letter from Mr. Northoff, a copy of which we give below:

THE SUNDAY POST, NEW-YORK, Sept. 14, 1869.
Chas. Pratt, Esq., No. 144 Fulton-st.
SIR: Please send to Charles Northoff, Closter, N. J., (by Northern Railroad of New-Jersey,) a case of twelve cans of your pale oil, only with the understanding that you guarantee it and will have only your *Astral* in the house, and that the oil is not at the office of the Sunday Post, Nassau-st. Yours, &c.
CHARLES NORDHOFF.

2. The issue of the letter which is in italics was used by us in an advertisement; but in copying for the papers we unfortunately wrote the words "none but my" for the words "only your," making the sentence read, "My wife will have none but the Astral Oil," where it should have read, "My wife will have only your Astral Oil."

"My wife will have only your Astral Oil."

This is certainly a distinction without a difference.

3. He thinks the oil "very costly." The oil does cost more than 60 per gallon, but a cheap kerosene, has no more than 1/3 of the illuminating power, and is inferior in reducing the "Astral" Oil to its high standard, which insures the perfect safety. With any reasonable care, burning the oil two or three cents per day in the matter of light, would have no inconvenience when the safety of his family is involved.

4. He complains that it has "very poor illuminating powers," and "is dangerous." This is in direct contradiction to the general opinion of our citizens, who uniformly write that it is the best oil they have used. Prof. Mott, not a week since, wrote us that he considered the free use of the oil in his house, adopted for light purposes, the work could be achieved as often as once in two weeks. We think the rule, if followed, will enable even Mr. Northoff to obtain a good light from the "Astral" Oil.

5. We regret exceedingly our error in our request that Mr. Northoff could be editor of the *Sunday Post*. We were led into this mistake by his requesting us to send our goods to the editor's room of that paper.

Yours, respectfully, CHARLES PRATT.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 27, 1870.

—Advertisement.

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TIMES.

THE NEW-YORK SEMI-WEEKLY TIMES, published THIS MORNING, contains the very latest telegraphic and general news; editorials on matters of current interest; a page of carefully-prepared commercial matter, giving the latest financial news and market reports; items of agriculture and rural interest, especially prepared for the farmer; a practical agricultural, and marriages and deaths of the week, and other interesting reading matter.

The following table exhibits the leading features of the morning's issue:

Foreign Intelligence.

Meeting in Paris Emigration from Great Britain; More Fenian Disturbances; The Coming Trial of Prince Bonaparte—Interment of Victor Noir; The Papal Address to his Troops; The French Ministry on the Roman Council; Resignation of French Ministers; The Elections in Spain; The Papal Council; Mr. Peabody's Estate in England—Investigation as to his Title; Affairs in Spain.

General Topics.

Arrival of Mr. Peabody's Remains—The Reception and Arrangements for the Funeral; Important Changes Recommended in Naval Rank; Mr. Mayer left's New-Book on Henry J. Raymond and the New-York Press for Thirty Years; Another Rate Disaster; The Business of the Country; The Iron Men and Mr. Wells; Reception of Miss Dix by the South Carolina Legislature; Movements of Prince Arthur; Arrival at San Francisco of Escaped British Prisoners; Murder of Captain Smith in Alaska; Washington Affairs; Current Notes.

Political Affairs.

Proceedings of Congress and the State Legislatures; The Admission of Virginia; Proceedings of the Legislature in Albany; Citizens' Meeting in Selma, Ala; Legislation in South Carolina.

Local Intelligence.

The Alexander Mystery—$50,000 Disappeared; The Erie Strike—A Riot in Jersey City; Fire and Suffocation of a Family; Description of the New Fire Alarm System; Meeting in Bogota to the State Canals; The Burns Anniversary in this City and Elsewhere; Discharge of Workmen from the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Agricultural.

Agricultural Education; Breeding Horses; Labor Prospects in Georgia—Attitude of Employers and Employes; Meeting of the Farmers' Club.

Editorial Comments.

Preliminary Work; A New Way with the Indian; How West and Western Thive Under our Taxation; At Last!; Partisan Journalism—The Late Mr. Freeman; Congress and the Income Tax; San Domingo and St. Thomas; Shall we have a New Conflict with the Mormons?

The Markets.

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DE ROSE—VARNUM.—In this City, on Wednesday, Jan. 26, at the Fifth-av. Presbyterian Church, by Rev. Robert R. Booth, Mr. EDWARD DE ROSE to Miss JULIA M. VARNUM, daughter of the late Joseph B. Varnum, all of this City.

WATLINGTON—BACON.—On Thursday, Jan. 27, by Rev. Wallace Atterbury, R. WATLINGTON to Miss E. AUGUSTA, only daughter of the late John R. Bacon, all of this City.

DIED.

CONREY.—Suddenly, on Wednesday, Jan. 26, ANNA MARIA, wife of Peter Conrey, formerly of New-Orleans, and daughter of the late Daniel Janson, in the 40th year of her age.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services on Saturday, morning, Jan. 29, at 10 o'clock, at Sion Church, Madison-av., corner of 38th-st.

FITCH.—At Comaskie, on Sunday, Jan. 23, ELIZA FITCH, aged 65 years.

HEARNE.—On Thursday, Jan. 27, at his residence, Fort Rockaway, L. I., EDMUND L. HEARNE, ex-Judge of the Marine Court of New-York.

The funeral will take place from St. Mary's Church, Far Rockaway, on Saturday, 29th inst., at 11½ A. M. The remains will be conveyed by the South Side Railroad to Bushwick Depot, Boston, where carriages will be in attendance for Calvary Cemetery. The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Train leaves South 7th-st., Williamsburg, at 8½ A. M.

LEFEVRE.—On Thursday, Jan. 27, at New-Rochelle, ELIZA, wife of Benjamin D. Lefevre.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, without further notice, on Monday, 31st inst., at 1 P. M., at the Episcopal Church. Carriages will be at the depot on the arrival of Harlem R. R. train of the New-York and New-Haven Railroad.

MCCREDY.—On Wednesday, Jan. 26, DENNIS A. MCCREDY, in the 55th year of his age.

A requiem mass will be celebrated at St. Stephen's Church, 28th-st. near 3d-av., this Friday, the 28th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M. The friends of the family are invited to attend without further notice.

MILLER.—Suddenly, on Thursday, Jan. 27, of disease of the heart, ELIZA MILLER, widow of the late John Miller, builder.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, No. 233 West 50th-st., on Sunday afternoon, at 1 o'clock.

☞ Philadelphia and Illinois papers please copy.

TAYLOR.—Suddenly, on Monday, Jan. 24, 1870, in Philadelphia, Pa., JAMES HENRY TAYLOR, of this City, aged 37 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, at the late residence, No. 413 West 47th-st., this (Friday) morning, at 11 o'clock, without further notice. The remains will be taken to Tarrytown for interment.

TEMPLETON.—At Fort Hamilton, on Wednesday, Jan. 26, of disease of the heart, MARTHA THOMAS, wife of Hon. Jas. Templeton, and last surviving daughter of the late Judge Smith, of Lillgow, Dumbartonshire, Scotland.

The funeral from her late residence on Sunday, the 30th inst., at 11 o'clock, P. M.

TUTTLE.—On Thursday morning, Jan. 27, John M. D. TUTTLE, formerly of East Broadway, aged 35 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, at his late residence, No. 3 West 42d-st., on Monday, Jan. 31, at 2 o'clock, by the remains will be taken to Rev. Hall's Church, for interment.

VANDERPOEL.—In this City, on Wednesday, Jan. 26, AARON O. VANDERPOEL, in the 84th year of his age.

His relatives and friends, and those of the family, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Friday, at 2 P. M., from the residence of his brother, Aaron J. Vanderpoel, No. 20 Lexington-av., corner of 21st-st. The remains will be taken to Kinderhook, Columbia County, N. Y., on the Hudson River R. R. for interment.

WICKES.—On Sunday, Jan. 23, GEORGE, aged 12 years, 6 months and 11 days.

Friends of the family, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral from his late residence, No. 61 Washington-av., on Saturday, at 2 P. M. Interment at Green-Wood Cemetery.

☞ As a special meeting of the Class of [illegible] College, held Jan. 25, 1870, the purpose [illegible] Vice-President, a committee appointed to [illegible] sence with the decease of family, reported the [illegible] resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by the Class and ordered to be printed:

PREAMBLE.

Whereas, The hand of death has again visited our late friend and classmate, JULIAN JAMES;

Resolved, That as fellow-countrymen, we mourn the loss of one who, as a soldier, gallantly gave his life in the service of his country; as a citizen, by his energies to the promotion of refinement and the elevation of his fellow-men; as a friend, by his ever-ready sympathy and self-sacrificing performance of the duties of friendship; as a Christian, by his consistent life and exemplary death, to the cause of Christ, which he loved and served with a fervent and unselfish devotion.

That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family of our departed friend, in the hope that they may find in the Great Comforter, who has gone before, and won the love, admiration and confidence of all who knew him, and in whom hence, virtue and manhood united to mark and grace a Christian character, the source of comfort, in the chastening rod, which has smitten them, and in the hand of God, we tender his surviving kindred our deep and earnest sympathy.

LENOX SMITH,
WM. G. DEWITT,
JOHN M. HEFFERNAN,
H. R. BEEKMAN,
Committee.

GENERAL TELEGRAMS.

EUROPE.

The Anglo-French Commercial Treaty—Stormy Debate in the French Senate—The Pope and Dogma—The Spanish Elections—Note of Spain to Greece.

PARIS, Jan. 27.—There was a stormy session of the Corps Legislatif this afternoon, on the Franco-English Commercial Treaty. M. THIERS, in a speech, demanded a rejection of this treaty, and reproached the majority, asserting that they did not truly represent the country or they would overthrow a Ministry having principles the country had repudiated. Great agitation ensued. Ex-Minister FOUCADE replied that the majority upheld the Cabinet. It is not understood why THIERS opposed the Ministry and FOUCADE upheld, but it is supposed that M. THIERS wished it to result in a vote that would force Messrs. DARU, LOUVET and BUFFET to resign in order to be replaced by members of the majority....It is announced that Lord CLARENDON has arrived here from London, to ascertain for the English Government the real intention of the Cabinet and Tuileries in regard to the treaty of commerce, which expires on the 4th of February next....The Senate yesterday discussed the proposition for an international coinage system. Messrs. CHEVALIER and LE VERRIER and others participated and urged the adoption of a gold coin equivalent to twenty-five francs as the universal unit.... The Duke of BROGLIE, a leading member of the Orleanists, died here yesterday. He was 85 years old....Many of the troops recently sent to Le Creusot to preserve order among the strikers have returned to the garrison. President SCHNEIDER now accuses Englishmen of having fomented the troubles.

ROME, Jan. 27.—The report of the death of the Pope is not true....Colonel D'ARGY, commander of the Antibes Legion, died in this city yesterday. During his last sickness he called the officers of the Legion together, and enjoined on them fidelity and honor to the Pope and France.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—It is said that a large number of the Erie shares held in this country have been stamped by the Erie Shareholders' Protection Union. A member of the firm of BURCHAM, DALZENIELE & Co. will soon leave for New-York to protect the holders by voting on the stamped shares.

GREENOCK, Jan. 27.—The ship *Margaret Wilkinson*, from a Newfoundland port for Oporto, has put in here with topmasts, jibboom, bulwarks and galley gone, having experienced a heavy gale. One man had been lost overboard.

MADRID, Jan. 27.—No further returns from the elections for members of the Constitutional Cortes have been received since the last dispatches, but the authorities here make a different classification of those known to be elected: Progressists, 18; Republicans, 4; Unionists, 3; Abstentists, 1.

GEORGE PEABODY.

Admiral Farragut's Visit to the Monitors—An Impatient Multitude in Small Boats—Funeral Preparations at Peabody.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 27.—Great numbers of people flocked to town to-day to visit the fleet, notice having been given in the papers that they would receive visitors, and great disappointment was felt by many at being refused admittance, owing to the visit of Admiral FARRAGUT and party, on whose account the vessels were kept free until the afternoon. The harbor was filled, however, with boats which sailed around the fleet, and the disappointed ones had the privilege of witnessing the fine spectacle of manning the yards of the *Monarch* and *Pigsquah* when the Admiral visited those vessels. No sooner was the Admiral's party down one side than visitors were admitted on the other, and in the afternoon the vessels were crowded. All the boats in the vicinity swarmed with passengers, and the wharves were so crowded with people waiting for a passage that some boys were pushed into the dock, luckily without loss of life.

PEABODY, Mass., Jan. 27.—Preparations have for the obsequies of the late GEORGE PEABODY are nearly completed. The remains are expected to arrive on Tuesday next, and will lay in state in the lower hall of Peabody Institute one week. No services will be held in the Institute. The final obsequies will take place in the Congregational Church, and the remains will be deposited in Harmony Grove Cemetery.

VIRGINIA RESTORED.

Action of Governor Walker—An Order Assuming his Legitimate Authority—Appointment of a Lieutenant-Governor.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 27.—General CANBY to-day issued an order directing that all military commissions acting under the Reconstruction acts be dissolved; that all citizen prisoners be turned over to the State Courts, that all citizen prisoners undergoing sentence of military commission shall serve out such sentence unless released by a United States Court, and that all civil officers appointed under the Provisional Government shall vacate their offices when their successors are elected or appointed under the new Constitution. Governor WALKER has issued a proclamation convening the Legislature on Tuesday, Feb. 8. JOHN L. MAYER, Jr., of Fredericksburg, was today appointed Lieutenant-Governor by Governor WALKER, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the election of Lieutenant-Governor LEWIS to the United States Senate.

THE INDIANS.

The Condition of the Canadian Indians—Report of the United States Consul at Hamilton—The Kansas Indians.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Hon. FREEMAN N. BLAKE, United States Consul at Hamilton, Ont., has made a report upon the condition and treatment of the Canadian Indians, showing that the settlement of the aborigines upon large reservations is essential to rescuing them from their dangers and making them amenable to law and order. He says: "The experience of Canada and our own, leads towards the same conclusion. Since Great Britain acquired Canada the Indians have even been her faithful allies in war and maintained peace among themselves. They are advancing in civilization and increasing in number. The Government has treated them as wards or pupils, considering their wishes but retaining the power in its own hands with reciprocal benefit. Its agents hold their offices for life, or during good behavior. A strict regard to integrity in every detail is deemed an essential part of the policy. The legislation of Canada as to the Indians during the last two years has been exceedingly thoughtful and comprehensive, its object having been to qualify and encourage them to self-government." These are the chief facts elucidated in the report.

ENOCH HOAG, Superintendent of the Kansas Indian Superintendency, and a Committee of the Society of Friends, including GEORGE WHITE, of Philadelphia, appeared before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs this morning to submit their views as to the proper treatment of the Indians in that State, and to urge the expediency of making appropriations to carry out their plan for educating and civilizing the various tribes under their charge. The Committee promised to give their representations careful consideration.

A Massacre—Surprise of an Indian Town by United States Cavalry—Men, Women and Children Slaughtered.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 27.—On the 23th inst., an expedition against certain tribes of Indians who have been stealing stock and murdering whites for the past several months, left Fort Shaw, under command of Colonel BAKER. The expedition consisted of four companies of the Second Cavalry and one company of the Thirteenth Infantry. An Indian, who arrived at Fort Benton to-day, reports that early on the morning of the 23d inst., Colonel BAKER surprised Bear Chief's camp of over thirty lodges, and killed men, women and children. No quarter was given. The surprise was complete. Only six or eight men escaped. Bear Chief was among the slain. Col. BAKER's loss was trifling. Other tribes of the Blackfeet, upon learning of the affair, immediately made it, and it was said the British possessions, but it is thought the Indians had Government protection in crossing the boundary line in pursuit, where they had known to have murdered several whites. This news is confirmed by other arrivals at Fort Shaw.

PRINCE ARTHUR.

A Magnificent Affair in Washington—Ball at the British Minister's—The President, Mrs. Grant, Prince Arthur and Mrs. Fish Upon the Ball.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The ball given at the new Masonic Hall to-night by the British Minister and Mrs. THORNTON, in honor of Prince ARTHUR, was decidedly recherche, and one of the most magnificent affairs of the kind that has ever taken place at the capital. The hall was profusely decorated with flags and flowers, all of which were arranged with the most artistic taste. In all of these decorations the American and the British flags were conspicuous, and were arranged by G. M. BERGER, United States Navy; HAMILTON FISH, Jr., General WOODHALL, of the Engineer Corps; Lieutenant CUTTS and Lieutenant TERRILL, of the navy, and SEATON MORROW, Esq., under the direction of Mrs. THORNTON and Mrs. FERNEAU. At the east end of the hall a platform was raised, the surroundings of which were tastefully hung with festoons of flowers, while a large number of ornamented gas jets were added to the permanent fixtures in different portions of the room.

Long before 9 o'clock a vast assemblage of people had collected in front of the main entrance to the Hall, while the sidewalks upon the corners of Ninth and F streets were almost entirely blockaded. Between 9 and 10 o'clock the carriages commenced to arrive, and before 11 an immense concourse of distinguished ladies and gentlemen had assembled, thronging the spacious Hall to its utmost capacity. As the guests arrived an officer at the door took the name of each one and introduced them to Mrs. THORNTON. About 10 o'clock Prince ARTHUR arrived with his suite, and was met by Mrs. THORNTON at the head of the stairs and escorted into the hall and up its centre, the band playing "God Save the Queen" meanwhile. The British Minister had at first determined to issue but 400 cards of invitation, but increased the number to 800, and declined 900 applications. At least 600 or 700 ladies and gentlemen were present, many of the latter being officers of the army and navy. At 10 o'clock the President and Mrs. GRANT arrived, and as the band played a national air the Prince, who was conversing with some ladies at the east end of the hall, skipped across the room, and, meeting Mrs. GRANT at the head of the stairs, escorted her to the platform and handed her to the chair, President GRANT leading the way with the wife of the British Minister. The dancing commenced a little before 11:30 by a cotillion, one set only participating. The Prince led off with Mrs. GRANT, their *vis-a-vis* being Mr. FISH and Mrs. THORNTON. The set was further composed of Mrs. FISH and Mr. THORNTON, Mrs. BOUTWELL and General BELKNAP, Mrs. SHERMAN and Admiral POINTER, Mme. BLACQUE BEY and General SHERMAN, Mme. GARCIA and Mr. BOUTWELL, and MISS CATACAZY and Mr. ROBESON.

THE GUESTS.

Among the most distinguished persons present were the President and his family, Chief Justice Chase and ladies, General Zelin, Commander of the Marine Corps, and ladies, General Sherman and ladies, General Michler and ladies, Hon. Sayles J. Bowen, Mayor of Washington, and ladies; General Eli Parker and lady, Hon. Benjamin F. Butler and daughter, General O. O. Howard and ladies, General Balloch and ladies, Generals Babcock, Badeau and Porter and ladies, Colonel Douglass and lady, General Ward and lady, General Marcy and lady, Senator Cameron and ladies, Judge Fisher and ladies, Sir Edward Thornton and wife, and all the members of the Legation; Senators Sumner, Morton, Warner and Kellogg, and ladies; Mrs. ex-Senator Frelinghuysen; Hon. Richard Wallach, ex-Mayor of Washington; W. W. Corcoran, Vice-Admiral Porter and lady, General Banks and lady, Senator Williams and ladies, Judge Field and lady, Secretary Cox and lady, Judge Dent and lady, Hon. Norman Judd and lady, Senator Cole and lady, Hon. Reverdy Johnson and lady, Senators Ramsey and Carpenters, and ladies, Secretaries Robeson and Boutwell, and ladies; General Ramsey and lady, Colonel John W. Forney and ladies, Senators Carl Schurz, Drake and Fenton, and ladies; Baron Lederer, the Austrian Minister; Don Manuel R. Garcia, Minister of of the Argentine Republic, and Donna Garcia, Mr. Morris, the Minister Resident of Belgium, and secretaries Berghmans and Van Havis and ladies; the Count and Countess de Paverny; Frances Clare Ford and lady; Hon. W. Y. Ward, Peere Williams Freeman, and Lady Edmund D. V. Fane, S. Styleman, Le Strange and lady, General Alexander R. Tate and lady, Colonel Don Manuel Freyre and ladies, and Mr. Constantine De Catacy and ladies.

The toilettes of the ladies were elaborate and beautiful, the prevailing opinion being that it was the most superbly dressed ball given in the Capital.

ALASKA.

Resources of the Territory—The Fish and Fur Trade—Report of Captain Bryant, Special Agent of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—In compliance with a resolution of the Senate, the Secretary of the Treasury has transmitted to that body the report of Captain CHARLES BRYANT, late Special Agent of the Treasury Department, on the resources and inhabitants of Alaska. The report is very long and elaborate, giving the result of his personal examination of large portions of the Territory, including all the principal islands.

He expresses no opinion as to the actual value of the Territory, but describes minutely its climate, asteriskes and resources, giving prominence especially to the forests and fisheries, which he says may be made the basis of profitable business. Considerable space is devoted to showing that the native population is capacity for labor that will make them, under the direction of a more intelligent race, a valuable auxiliary in clearing the forests, and in aiding in all other departments of service incidental to life in a new country. After giving an interesting account of the habits of the fur seal on the Islands of St. Paul and St. George, Captain BRYANT

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

At the Exchange Salesroom yesterday, ADRIAN H. MULDER & Co. sold three dwelling houses, situated on East Thirteenth, East Fifty-fourth and East Sixty-second streets. That on East Thirteenth, between Lexington and Third avenues, and known as No. 137, is a three-story high-stoop brick house, 20x48, built on a lot 20x 92.9. It brought $14,500. A three-story high-stoop brown-stone front house, on the south side of East Fifty-fourth-street, between Lexington and Fourth avenues, No. 122, sold for $17,250. No. 341 East Sixty-second-street, between First and Second avenues, also a three-story brown-stone front, 20x48, with a lot 21x100.5, was purchased for $10,625. The sales were very lively yesterday, but they were well attended by active and ready bidders.

Auction Sales Yesterday.

By Muller, Wilkins & Co.

House and lot No. 137 East 30th-st., 20x98.9 ..... $14,250
House and lot No. 122 East 54th-st., 16.8x100.5 17,250
House and lot No. 341 East 62d-st., 21x100.5 10,625

Transfers of Real Estate.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Wheeler-st., w. s., lot No. 116, Isaac Gibson, 25 100 ..... $1,450
Livingston and Willett sts., s. e. corner, 21x62; 19th-st., s. s., 98 ft. w. of Dry Dock-st., 20x74.4 9,000
Sixth-st., n. s., no No. 42, C. Rapp's house and lot, 25x8 10,000
Mott-st., s. s., 100 ft. e. of Hester-st., 25x90 2,000
Mott-st., s. s., 150 ft. e. of Hester-st., 25x90 4,250
Mott-st., s. s., 175 ft. e. of Hester-st., 25x90 4,250
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MINNESOTA, Captain FRICK.....Feb. 23, at noon.
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11.00 P. M., night express, sleeping cars attached.
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Nov. 15, 1869. J. H. TOUCEY, Superintendent.

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For Paterson, Suffern and Way, 7.45 A. M., 4.15 P. M. and 6.45 P. M. From Chambers-st. Depot, at 8.45 A. M., 2.15 A. M., 4.15 P. M., 5.45 P. M. and 11.45 P. M. (daily.)
For Hackensack and Way, 11.45 A. M., 2.45 P. M. and 11.45 P. M. (daily.)
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ALBANY.

Unfortunations by the Senate—Spawling Harem Case—Representation in the North Hudson Section—A Voice from Genesee County—The Binghamton Insurance Asylum—Impositions and Conveyances to be Made Illusive.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Thursday, Jan. 27, 1870.

Both Houses held brief sessions to-day, and the proceedings were unimportant. The Senate got into Executive Session at noon by the casting vote of Lieutenant-Governor BRAGG, and, in pursuance of the programme agreed upon in caucus yesterday, confirmed all the Governor's nominations, with the exception of GEORGE W. MILLER, of Rochester, for Superintendent of Insurance; DANIEL B. HOWELL, of Rochester, for Bank Superintendent, and ISAAC McCORMIC, Jr., and J. P. FIERSON, of Troy, for Commissioners of Capital Police. Several new nominees for Loan Commissioners were sent in by the Governor, but were not acted upon. Dr. CARNOCHAN, of New-York, for Health Officer, was the first name confirmed. The vote stood 16 to 15. A great many protests have been received here from physicians throughout the State against his confirmation, grounded mainly on his violation of what are called the "etiquettes" of the profession, and partly on his personal habits. Governor HOFFMAN, the son of a "regular" physician, they protest, ought not to have allowed himself to be forced into the nomination of a man who holds professional intercourse with "quappies."

ABOUT DRAWING ROOM CARS.

The Senate to-day passed the Assembly resolution calling upon railroad companies of the State to report to the Legislature the amount of their receipts for extra fares collected from passengers for riding in what are called "drawing room cars," and by what authority they collected the same.

REPRESENTATION IN THE STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY.

Mr. KIERNAN introduced a bill to-day at the request of some physicians in New-York, extending to all Medical and Medico-legal societies of the State the privilege of being represented by delegates in the State Medical Society. The original act incorporating that Society permits no County Medical Societies to be represented.

O JERUSALEM!

Mr. VAN STERENBURGH, who represents the terrified of Greene County in the Assembly, to-day offered the following resolutions which I transcribe *verbatim, et literatim, et punctuatim*:

Resolved, That the adoption of the 15th amendment to the Constitution of the United States by the Usurpate Southern States by duress & Military Coercion exercised under the most flagrant usurpation of Power by Congress is and should be regarded by patriotic Citizens as null and void and no binding Obligation upon any Sovrign & independent State of this union.

Resolved, That the Enactment of laws by Congress taking from the Supreme Court of the united States the power to Call in question the Constitutionality of laws exceedingly than is designed to limit the national Judiciary a coordinate branch of the Government of the Government most important functions and in effect converts the Government into an absolute despotism with no tribunal to Call in question or interfere with the exercise of any power by Congress.

Resolved, That the time has arrived when it is the duty of patriotic citizens to speak in no uncertain terms, and violence shall be opposed by the patriotic Army and every sacrifice to defend the glorious Constitution of our country, which our forefathers made in establishing it. H. VAN STERENBURGH.

THE BINGHAMTON INSURANCE ASYLUM.

Mr. JOHNSON, of Livingston, offered a resolution, which was adopted, asking the Speaker to appoint a Committee of three to investigate the condition of the Binghamton Asylum for Inebriates and report what it has cost the State; the number of patients reformed, the mode of treatment now practiced, and whether any legislation is necessary with regard to the institution. The whole information called for, it is said, will be found in the Superintendent's report, which will be presented to the Legislature in a few days.

ELECTING INSPECTORS AND CANVASSERS.

Mr. JACOBS' bill, providing for the election by the people of Inspectors and Canvassers of Election in each election district of Kings County, was favorably reported by the Committee on Cities. A similar bill for New-York has been introduced by Mr. KIERNAN. Both bills provide for the representation of the minority in the Boards of Inspectors and Canvassers, the party having the majority in any district to be entitled to two Inspectors or Canvassers and the minority one.

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THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.....ALBANY, Thursday, Jan. 27.

BILLS REPORTED.

The following bills were reported:

By Mr. TWEED—Chartering the City of Yonkers; also, the City of Rome.

By Mr. CAUDEBEC—To regulate and grade highways in New-Utrecht; also, confirming the acts of the Supervisors of Westchester and New-York.

By Mr. MURPHY—To lay gas pipes in New-Utrecht.

By Mr. FARRELL—Allowing additional compensation to Department clerks.

By Mr. HARDENBURG—The General Canal Appropriation bill.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Notice was given of the following bills:

By Mr. HASTENDING—Amending the act designating holidays with a view to paying notes, &c.

By Mr. CREAMER—Regulating fees of public officers.

BILLS PASSED.

The following bills were passed:

Amending the act relative to the Wyoming County Judiciary.

Amending the act incorporating the village of Potsdam.

SUPREME COURT AND COURT OF APPEALS.

Mr. PARKER called up the motion to reconsider the vote by which was passed the bill amending the act relative to preferred causes in the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals.

The motion prevailed to reconsider and, in accordance with a previous motion, went into Executive Session.

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE.

On the opening of the doors the Senate, in Committee, disposed of the following bills as noted:

Amending the act to incorporate benevolent and charitable societies. Third reading.

Providing additional compensation to the State Department clerks. Third reading.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Among the bills introduced were the following:

By Mr. GERDES—To authorize a railroad in Lexington avenue, New-York.

By Mr. KUPPER—Amending the charter of the Blind Institution; also, to alter the map or plan of New-York.

By Mr. FRENCH—To provide for learning the amount of annually sold fertilizers by the Health Commissioner, and to provide for remedying the evil.

By Mr. WOODIN—To encourage and aid the construction of railroads; also, to aid the construction of the Southern Central Railroad.

By Mr. WOODWARD—Amending the act relative to binding out orphans by the trustees of asylums; also, amending the revised statute conferring authority on Surrogates to appoint guardians.

By Mr. LOBB—Repealing the Registry law.

By Mr. FROST—Enabling the voters of Newtown, Queens County, to vote in districts for town officers and for other purposes.

SLEEPING AND DRAWING-ROOM CARS.

Mr. WOOD called up the resolution instructing the Railroad Committee to inquire into the authority by law the railroad companies are charging extra for sleeping and drawing-room car accommodations.

Mr. CREAMER advocated the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. WOOD said the object of these cars was to evade the law fixing the rate of fare. The extra fare received did not go to the stockholders, but to a Ring within the directors of the road. If it went to the stockholders, there would not be so much objection.

Mr. KENNEDY hoped the Senate would go further, and take action on a more important matter in the control of these gigantic corporations. He referred to freight charges on railroads.

Mr. TWEED moved that the Committee report within twenty days. Agreed to.

Mr. WOODIN said it was well known that the railroad companies adopted measures to force passengers into these cars. He would rather see, however, a resolution that would embrace all the evils complained of against all the railroads in the State.

The resolution was adopted, and the Senate adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

BILLS REPORTED.

The following are the most important bills reported:

By Mr. M. C. MURPHY—Amending the act making provision for the government of the City of New-York.

By Mr. PLAGE—Compelling gas companies to make annual reports to the Comptroller.

By Mr. LAMAHAN—Relative to the Capital Police act.

By Mr. GERSON—Amending the act creating a Justice division of assistant district attorneys.

By Mr. ALTCHEK—Allowing graduates of the law of foreign countries to practice in courts; also, repealing the act relative to compensation for causing death by negligence.

By Mr. FIELDS—To extend the time for the collection of taxes in towns of the State. Read and passed.

By Mr. CULLEN—Changing the name of the Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church; also, chartering the trustees of the New-York Central Conference; also, changing the name of the corporation of the Brooklyn Atheneum.

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By Mr. JACOBS—For the better prevention of cruelty to animals.

By Mr. O'KEEFE—Repealing the act relative to the new passenger depot of the Harlem Railroad at New-York; also, repealing the Railroad Consolidation act.

By Mr. CULLEN—For the relief of Amalgamated Fire Engine Company.

By Mr. MACHTMAN—Regulating the sale of food in markets.

By Mr. PLUNKETT—For the better protection of the Indians of New-York.

By Mr. HERBERT—Chartering the Trade Savings Bank of New-York.

By Mr. RAY—To correct assessment errors and regulate fees therefor.

By Mr. FLAGG—For the better protection of those who board horses and other animals.

By Mr. HERBERT—To suppress intemperance and to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors except in incorporated cities.

By Mr. WOOD—Attaching the Amsterdam and the Lake Ontario Shore Railroads.

By Mr. LAWRENCE—Chartering the Westchester County Milk Company.

By Mr. KIERNAN—Amending the act chartering musical societies.

By Mr. GRAHAM—Amending the act chartering Mansard hotels to hold real estate.

The following resolutions were introduced:

By Mr. JOHNSON—For a special committee to visit and investigate the management of the Inebriates Asylum, and report if further legislation is necessary.

By Mr. VAN STERENBURGH—That the adoption of the Fifteenth Amendment ought to be rescinded as null and void, and also denouncing all such amendments. Referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

By Mr. JACOBS—That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of New-York inform the Senate and Assembly whether they have complied with the Union Ferry Company, relative to the abolition of fare. Adopted.

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THE WILKES LIBEL CASE.

Conclusion of the Trial—Colonel Bruce Declared Not Guilty—Charge by Judge Bedford.

The trial of Colonel SAUNDERS D. BRUCE on a charge of publishing a libelous article against GEORGE WILKES in the *Turf, Field & Farm*, was resumed before Judge BEDFORD in the Court of General Sessions yesterday. The case was summed up by Mr. CLARK for the defence, and by District-Attorney GARVIN for the prosecution, the former claiming that the article which was published by his client could not be construed into a libel against the complainant. The following is the charge of Judge BEDFORD:

GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY: The defendant at the bar SAUNDERS D. BRUCE has been indicted by the Grand Jury for libel, which means, for the purpose of this case, the wanton and malicious publication of an article without justification. That portion of the alleged libelous matter in which the District-Attorney asks for a conviction, is as follows:

"The second Sampson is an editor, and not a popular orator. He opened his infant eyes upon the earth beneath Kentucky skies, where he grew to manhood, loving Governor SEWARD much because he refused to pardon a youthful indiscretion. For a while he made his home on the Pacific coast teaching the adventurous miners of the golden land the value of law and order; winning immortality as the friend and biographer of the murdered BRODERICK, and then returning to New-York with the epolts of friendship to establish a sporting journal, which, by driving the genial WM. T. POMEROY ruined men into a drunkard's grave. Since then he has figured at many a prize fight, has been an honored guest at the palace of St. James without the knowledge of the Queen; assisted in carrying on a stupendous war by speculating in substitutes."

In every case of alleged newspaper libel the prosecution must prove the following facts: First, the publication of the article; secondly, that the accused, at the time of the publication of the article in question, was the proprietor and editor of the paper which contained the article. The prosecution then rest their case. And the law throws the burden of proof upon the defence to prove a justification. And failing in this, the law declares the accused guilty of the charge, and then it becomes your duty to render a verdict accordingly. In order to make out the case for the people, the District-Attorney called the following witnesses:

Mr. Geo. A. Fernwright, who testified that on the 4th of January, 1870, he purchased a copy of the *Turf, Field & Farm*, of the issue of Dec. 31, 1869; that the *Turf, Field & Farm* was published by SAUNDERS D. BRUCE.

Judge DOWLING was next called, and said that, in his opinion, the article in question referred to Mr. GEORGE WILKES. The Judge also testified that Mr. FOSTER had communicated the article to him in behalf of another party; that Mr. FOSTER presented a paper to him, requesting him to read it and for him then and there to give his opinion whether the article was libelous or not. The Judge DOWLING declined, giving for a reason that he might be called upon as a Magistrate to investigate the matter, and referred Mr. FOSTER to some attorney in order that affidavits might be drawn up, and then upon the presentation of the affidavits he would grant one Warrant if the proofs were sufficient to grant a warrant. The action of Judge DOWLING in this case is only one of the many instances of the high-toned, honorable manner in which he administers the criminal law of this City.

Recorder HACKETT in court called and examined in his opinion the article in question refers to Mr. GEORGE WILKES. The Recorder also tells us that Mr. WILKES labored hard with his pen and personal influence to make Mr. BRODERICK United States Senator. Mr. HACKETT recalled and says that the article in question in his opinion refers to Mr. WILKES. He did not know Mr. WILKES and BRODERICK were bosom friends.

Dr. QUACKENBOS says that he learned from Mr. BRODERICK that he had made his will before going to California, and that Mr. BRODERICK told that he had made Mr. WILKES his residuary legatee. Mr. McGOWAN tells us that he has been a constant reader of Wilkes' Spirit, and that he had never read an article like that on the prisoner.

This is the testimony for the prosecution. The defence offers no testimony. Mr. BRUCE did the accused take advantage of the late statute allowing him to testify and offer testimony himself in his own behalf. But, gentlemen, it is my duty to tell you that the same statute that gives the accused the right to testify, declares that his evidence is to do so shall create no legal presumption against him. And now, gentlemen of the jury, I charge you that if you find on the evidence, that the article that SAUNDERS D. BRUCE as the editor and proprietor of the *Turf, Field & Farm*, published, was published in the manner and with the intent that the article was published, as is alleged, and, thirdly, that it is libelous in its character and refers to GEORGE WILKES; and fourthly, was not published with good motives and justifiable ends, then it becomes your duty to render a verdict of guilty. If, however, you have any reasonable doubt arising upon the evidence, (but not based upon surmise or hypothesis,) then that doubt is the property of the defendant, and he should be acquitted. If, however, you have no doubt, then promptly render such a verdict as the facts warrant. And now, gentlemen, in conclusion, I would remark, that we are living in an age in which science is progressing with rapid strides, and yet we are only feeling, as it were, "the beginning of the end." The two mighty powers of the age, the "Press" and the "Pulpit," are creating a new era. The latter publishes with the majesty of a thought that lives forever, the great exponent of thought, enunciates that power, that sways over the world, and when just and correct in its decisions, is almost omnipotent. The Press has a mighty mission to fulfill. Its immense responsibilities of a grave character. It may shape the destiny of men and nations. When the Press, as [illegible]

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The Jury rendered a verdict of "not guilty."

EXTENSIVE FIRE

Destruction of Two Large Buildings—Aggregate Loss $[illegible]—Perils of Firemen.

At 9 o'clock last night an alarm of fire was given, on the discovery of flames on the second floor of the four-story double brick and stone building, Nos. 216 and 218 West Twenty-seventh-street, occupied on that floor by BAKER & WATERBURY, manufacturers of fancy wooden flooring.

Owing to the inflammable nature of the stock and the occupancy, fire the flames gained rapid headway, and spread through the upper floors, which were [illegible] the entire building the one name of fire by the time it was [illegible] and to work. By that time it was easy to see that the fire would be an extensive one, and that the flames had run past all control, and that only the utmost efforts of the firemen would prevent the spread of the fire to the adjoining buildings. The wind, however, was blowing from the south-west, and, as a consequence, the flames were driven northward, and, as a result, the fire spread rapidly, in spite of the efforts of the firemen, from one building to another, until the entire block was in flames. The firemen, however, were enabled to stay the progress of the fire at the building next to the corner, or adjoining, into which the flames had spread, however, [illegible] the building, and, [illegible] the flames, which had spread to the building next to the corner, and